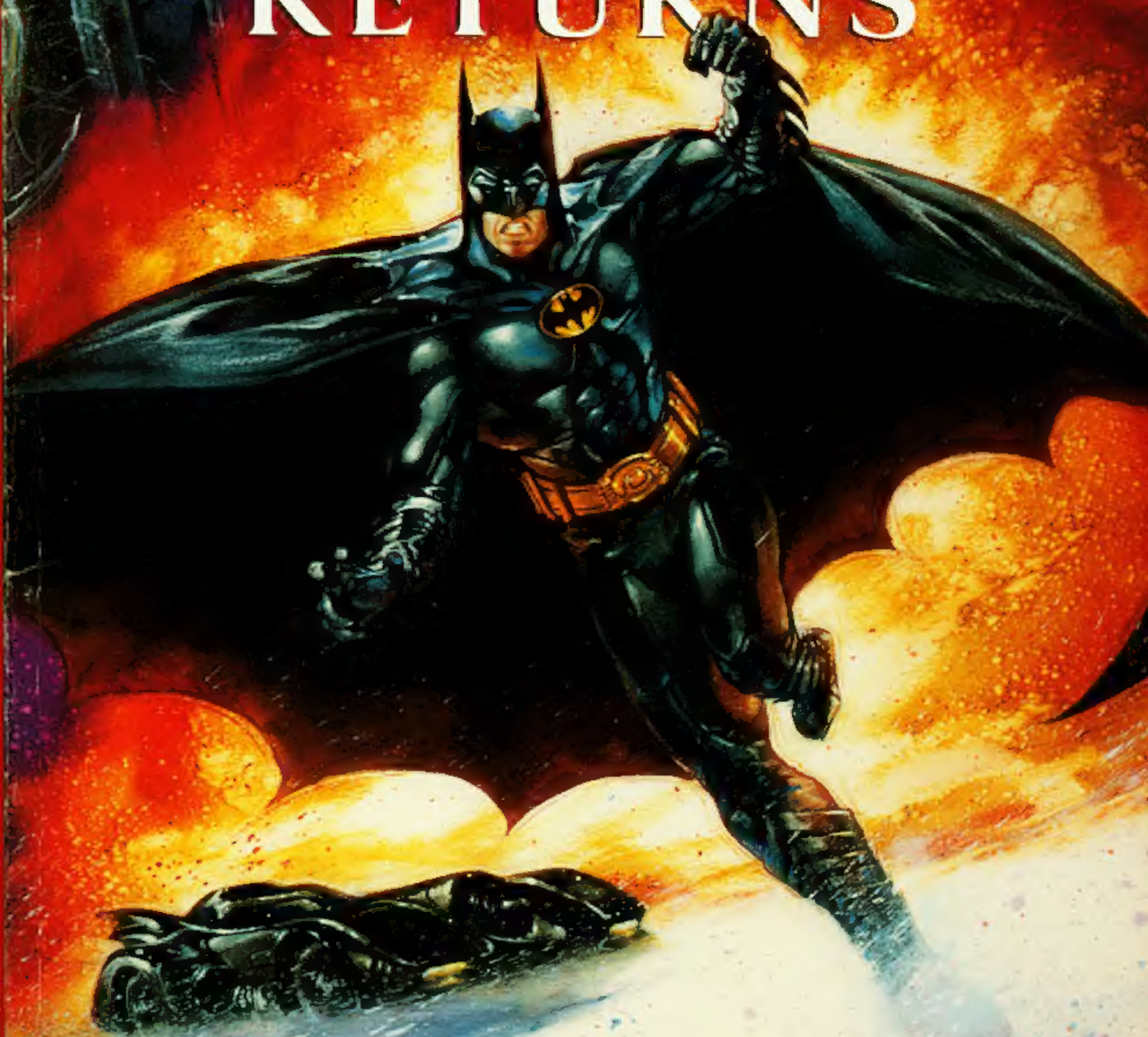




**THE OFFICIAL COMIC  
ADAPTATION OF THE  
WARNER BROS. MOTION PICTURE**

# BATMAN RETURNS



DORMAN

**DENNIS O'NEIL  
STEVE ERWIN  
JOSÉ LUIS GARCÍA-LÓPEZ  
WITH TOM McCRAW**





WARNER BROS. PRESENTS

TIM BURTON MICHAEL KEATON

DANNY DEVITO MICHELLE PFEIFFER "BATMAN RETURNS" AND CHRISTOPHER WALKEN  
MICHAEL GOUGH PAT HINGLE MICHAEL MURPHY MUSIC BY DANNY ELFMAN CO-PRODUCED LARRY FRANCO

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS JON PETERS, PETER GUBER, BENJAMIN MELNIKER, MICHAEL USLAN  
BASED UPON BATMAN CHARACTERS CREATED BY BOB KANE AND PUBLISHED BY DC COMICS STORY BY DANIEL WATERS AND SAM HAMM  
SCREENPLAY BY DANIEL WATERS PRODUCED BY DENISE DI NOVI TIM BURTON DIRECTED BY TIM BURTON

TM & © 1992 WARNER BROS.

THIS FILM IS CLASSIFIED

READ THE WARNER PAPERBACK

STANDSTILL SEEN ON WARNER BROS. CASSETTES AND VHS

WARNER BROS.  
A TIME WARNER COMPANY



## THE COMIC ADAPTATION

WRITER DENNIS O'NEIL PENCILLER STEVE ERWIN

INKER JOSÉ LUIS GARCÍA-LÓPEZ COLORIST TOM McCRAW

LETTERER JOHN COSTANZA COVER PAINTING BY DAVE DORMAN

ASSISTANT EDITOR SCOTT PETERSON EDITOR JONATHAN PETERSON

BATMAN  
CREATED BY BOB KANE

BATMAN RETURNS: THE OFFICIAL COMIC ADAPTATION OF THE WARNER BROS. MOTION PICTURE

Published by DC Comics Inc., 1325 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019

Copyright © 1992 DC Comics Inc., All Rights Reserved.

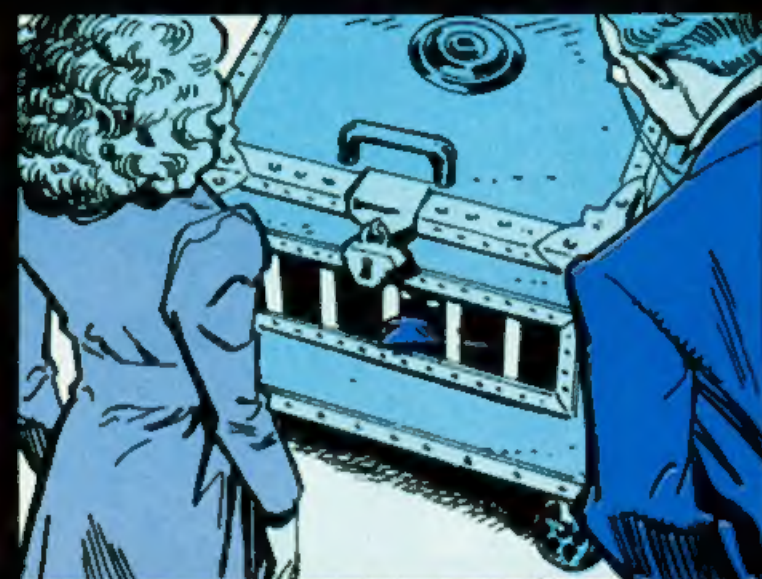
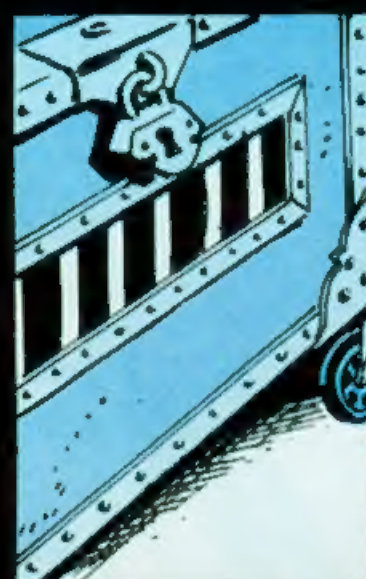
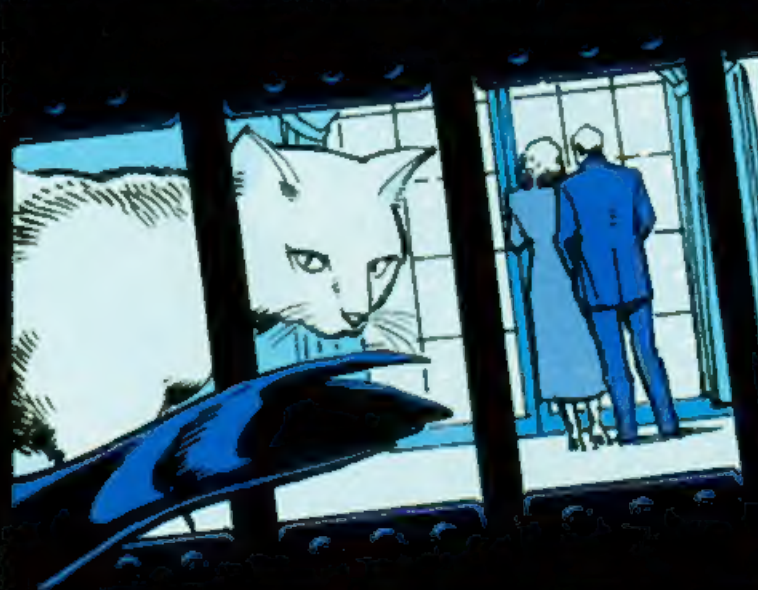
Batman, Catwoman, the Penguin, and all other related characters, props,  
slogans and indicia are trademarks of DC Comics Inc.

A division of Warner Bros. Inc., a Time Warner Company.

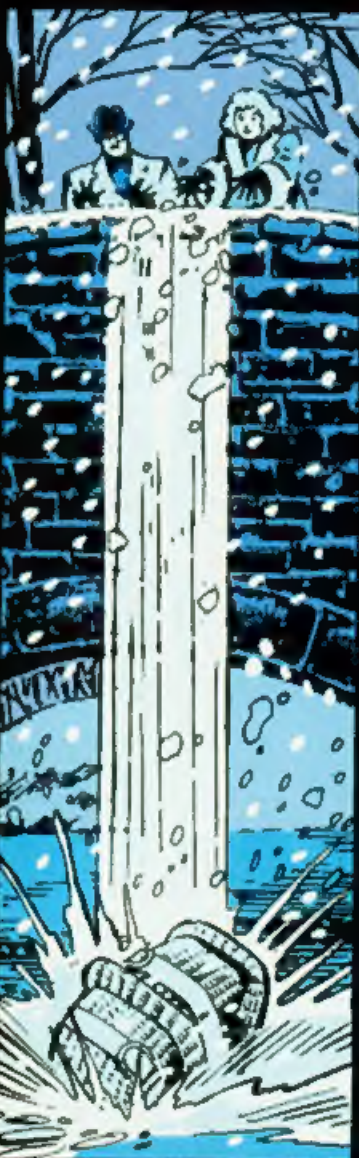
Printed in Canada. First Printing.



GOTHAM CITY,  
THE PAST...









GOTHAM CITY.  
THE PRESENT.

...WELL, HERE'S  
HOPING GOTHAM  
MIGHT HAVE ITS FIRST  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
IN A LONG WHILE.

I FEEL ALMOST  
VULGAR, IN THIS  
YULETIDE CONTEXT,  
ABOUT MENTIONING  
MY NEW POWER  
PLANT, MR. MAYOR.

BUT IF WE'RE GOING  
TO BREAK GROUND, I'LL  
NEED PERMITS, TAX  
INCENTIVES...

POWER  
PLANT?

MAX, GOTHAM  
HAS ENOUGH ENERGY  
SOURCES TO SUSTAIN  
GROWTH INTO THE  
NEXT CEN--

YOUR ANALYSTS AREN'T TALKING GROWTH. THEY'RE  
TALKING MILD SWELLING. I'M PLANNING AHEAD  
SO WE CAN LIGHT A WHOLE PLAZA WITHOUT  
BROWNOUTS.

IMAGINE GOTHAM  
CITY OF THE FUTURE  
LIT UP LIKE A  
BLANKET OF STARS...

BUT BLINKING ON  
AND OFF, EMBARRASS-  
INGLY LOW ON JUICE.

FRANKLY I CRINGE,  
MR. MAYOR.

SORRY, BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO SUBMIT  
THE BLUEPRINTS AND PLANS TO THE  
USUAL COMMITTEES...

DAD, MR. MAYOR--  
IT'S TIME TO GO  
AND BRING JOY  
TO THE MASSES.

UM, I HAD A  
SUGGESTION...

THANK  
YOU, CHIP.

I'M AFRAID WE HAVEN'T  
PROPERLY HOUSEBROKEN MS.  
KYLE YET. THOUGH SHE DOES  
BREW SENSATIONAL COFFEE.

THANKS. ANYWAY, IT'S NOT  
THE CAFFEINE THAT GETS  
US BUZZED--

IT'S THE  
OBEDIENCE.

SHUT UP,  
CHIP.

YOU STUPID  
CORN DOG.





THINK ABOUT IT. I HAVE ENOUGH SIGNATURES FROM SHRECK EMPLOYEES ALONE TO WARRANT YOUR RECALL.

THAT'S NOT A THREAT. JUST SIMPLE MATH.

MAYBE, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE AN ISSUE, MAX. NOR DO YOU HAVE A CANDIDATE.

WATCH YOUR STEP, DAD--IT'S PRETTY GROTESQUE...



OH, HEY! THE MAN WHO'S GIVEN THIS CITY SO MUCH IS HERE, TO KEEP GIVING. WELCOME GOTHAM'S OWN SANTA CLAUS, MAX SHRECK.



DAD--?

FORGOT MY SPEECH.

REMIND ME TO TAKE IT OUT ON SELINA.



"SANTA CLAUS"? FRAID NOT.

I'M JUST A POOR SCHMOE WHO GOT A LITTLE LUCKY, AND SUE ME IF I WANT TO GIVE A LITTLE BACK.

I ONLY WISH I COULD HAND OUT MORE THAN JUST EXPENSIVE BAUBLES. IN THIS SEASON--



--I WISH I COULD HAND OUT WORLD PEACE--



--AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE--

--WRAPPED UP IN A BIG BOW--



GREAT IDEA.

BUT NOT MINE...

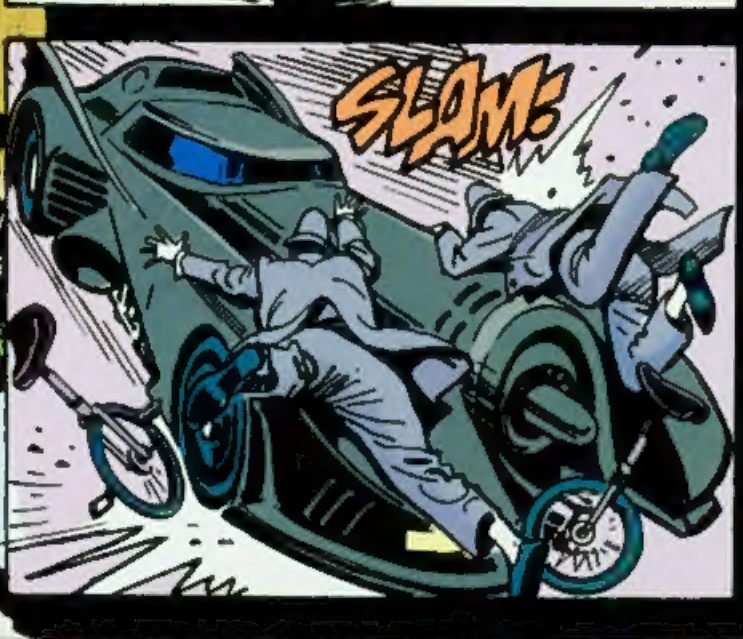
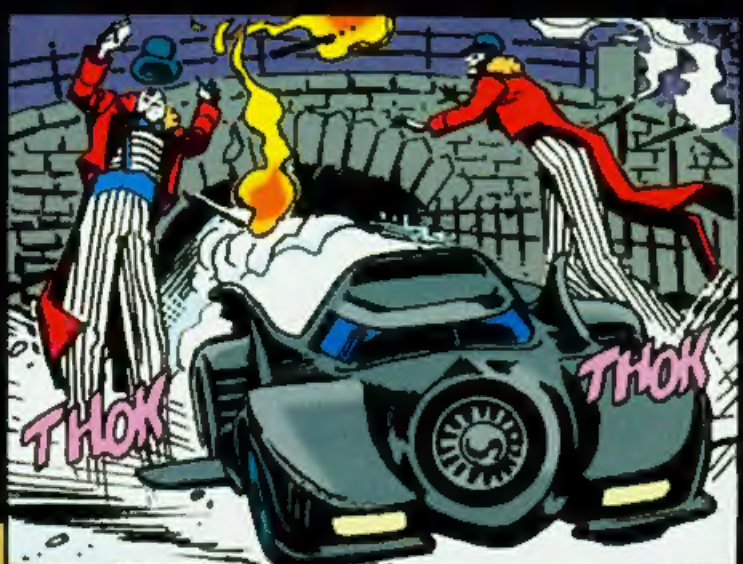


DECK THE HALLS.

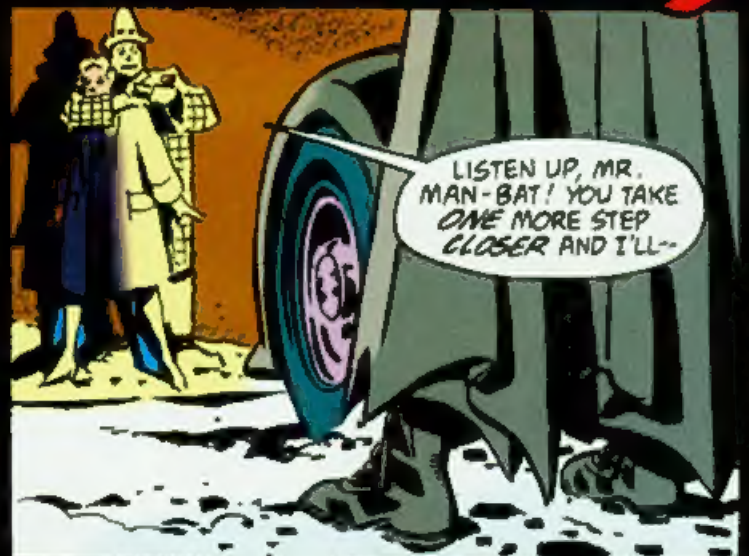
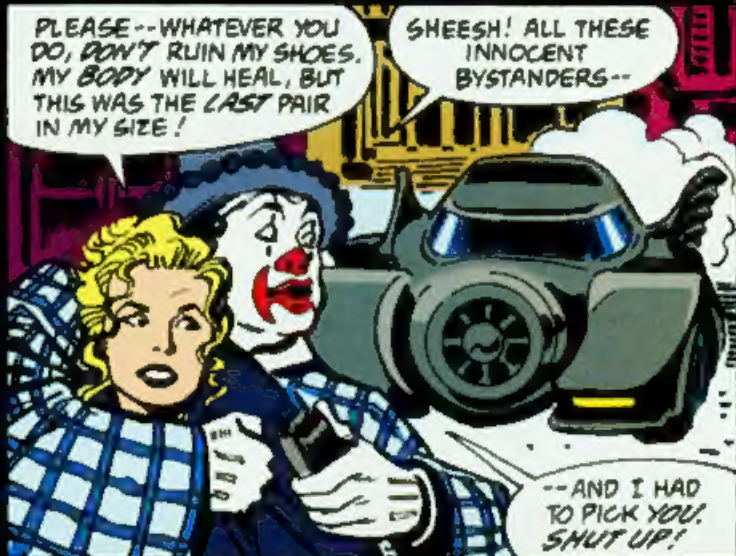
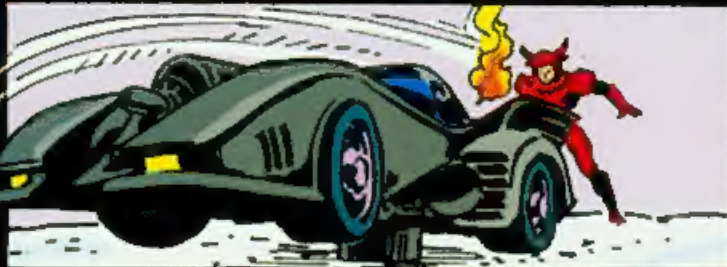
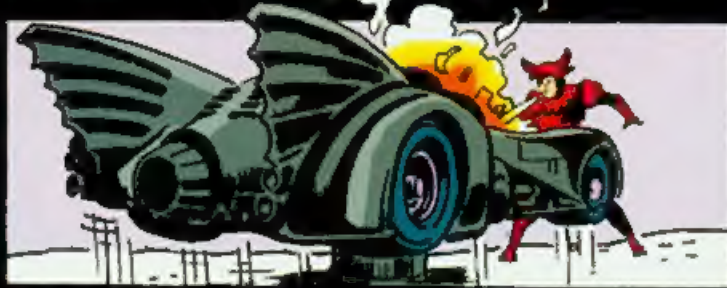
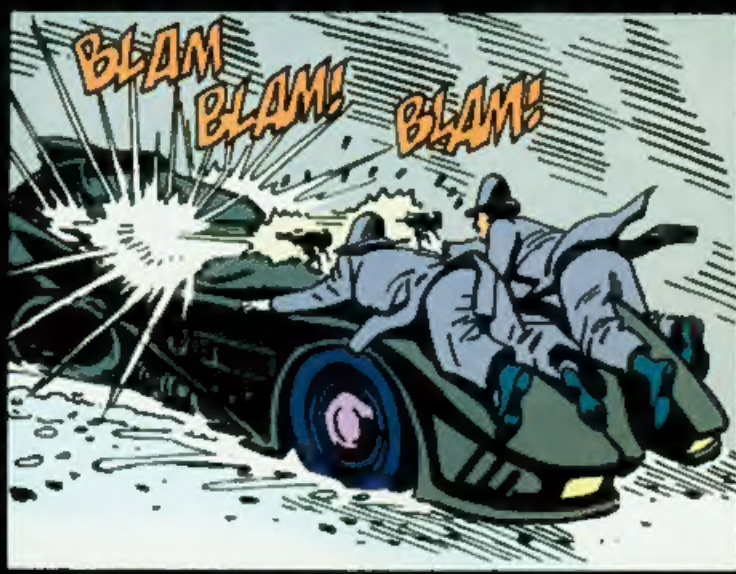














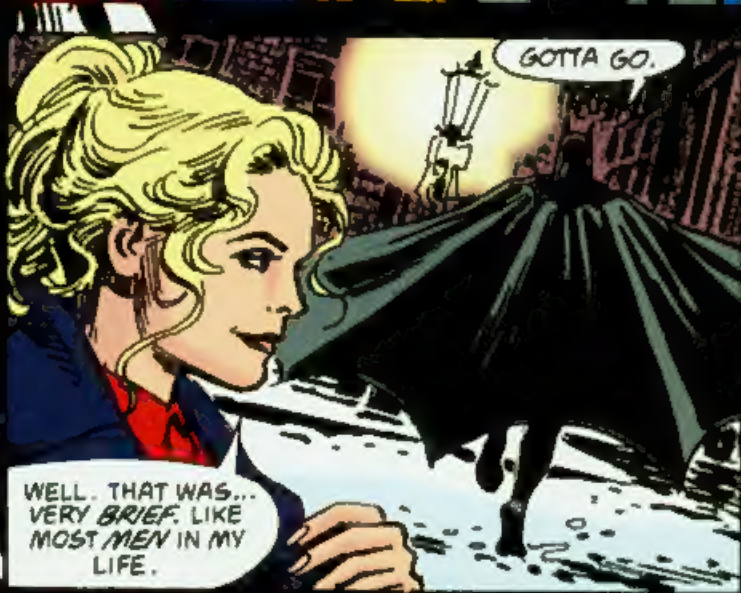


WOW. THE BATMAN.

OR IS IT JUST "BATMAN"?



YOUR CHOICE OF COURSE.



GOTTA GO.

WELL. THAT WAS... VERY BRIEF. LIKE MOST MEN IN MY LIFE.



AND NEARBY...

MUFF HUFF!



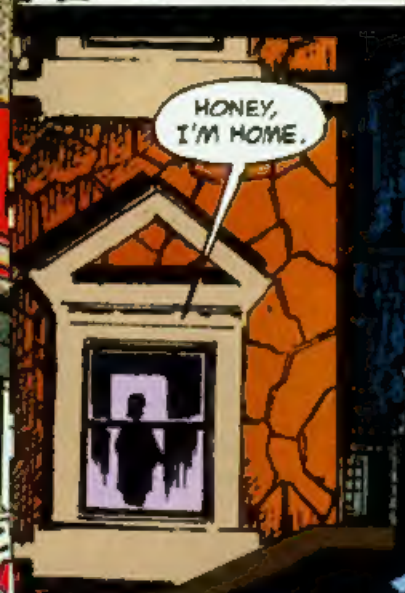
I--I MUST'VE LOST THEM. I--



YAAAAHH!



CLANK!



HONEY, I'M HOME.



OH, I FORGOT. I'M NOT MARRIED.

AH, MISS KITTY. WHAT DID YOU JUST PURR? "HOW CAN ANYONE BE SO PATHETIC?"

YES, TO YOU I SEEM PATHETIC--

--BUT I'M A WORKING GIRL, GOTTA PAY THE RENT.



MAYBE IF YOU WERE CHIPPING IN 'STEAD OF STEPPING OUT...



SELINA, ABOUT THAT CHRISTMAS GETAWAY WE PLANNED? I'LL BE GOING ALONE OR SHAW SAYS I NEED TO BE MY OWN PERSON NOW AND NOT AN APPENDAGE.

THE PARTY NEVER STOPS ON SELINA KYLE'S ANSWERING MACHINE

GUESS I SHOULD'VE LET HIM WIN THAT RACQUETBALL GAME

SELINA, THIS IS YOURSELF CALLING TO REMIND YOU TO BRING HOME THE BRUCE WAYNE FILE, BECAUSE THE MEETING'S WEDNESDAY--

--AND MAX SLAVEMASTER WANTS EVERY PERTINENT FACT AT YOUR LOVELY TAPERED FINGERTIPS.

THE FILE!

YOU STUPID CORN DOG. CORN DOG!

THE OLD GOTHAM ZOO, DEEP WITHIN THE WALLS OF THE DECREPIT ARCTIC WORLD PAVILION--

--WHERE A CAPTURED MAX SHRECK STRUGGLES TO FIND THE VOICE TO SCREAM...

--RESTING COMFORTABLY AND DYING FROM THE CARCINOGENS YOU'VE PERSONALLY SPEWED IN A LIFETIME OF PROFITEERING. TRAGIC IRONY OR POETIC JUSTICE?

YOU TELL ME

MY GOD, IT'S TRUE! THE PENGUIN-MAN OF THE SEWERS! DON'T KI-

I BELIEVE THE WORD YOU'RE LOOKING FOR IS A-A-A-A-GH!

ACTUALLY, THIS IS ALL JUST A BAD DREAM. YOU'RE HOME IN BED--

QUIET, MAX. WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS --A CONVERSATION?

I'VE BEEN LINGERING DOWN HERE TOO LONG IT'S HIGH TIME FOR ME TO ASCEND. WITH YOUR KNOW-HOW, YOUR SAVVY, YOUR ACUMEN--

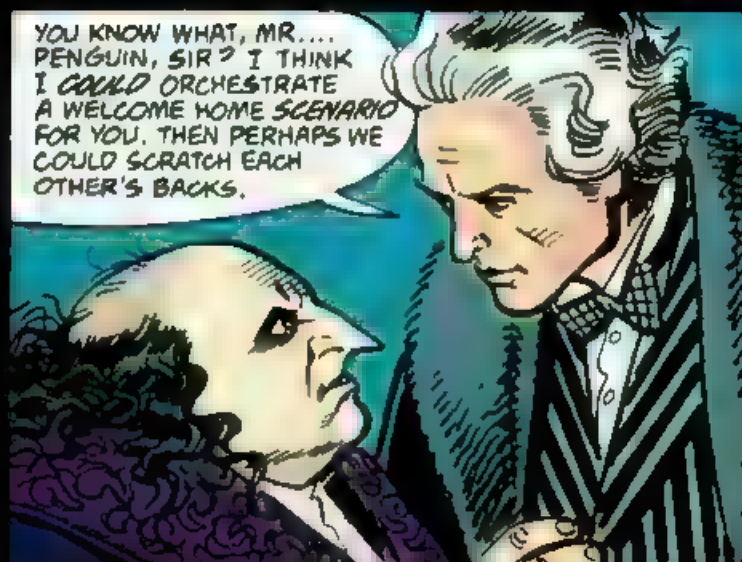
AND EXACTLY WHY AM I GONNA HELP YOU?

WHAT ABOUT DOCUMENTS THAT PROVE YOU OWN HALF THE FIRETRAPS IN GOTHAM?

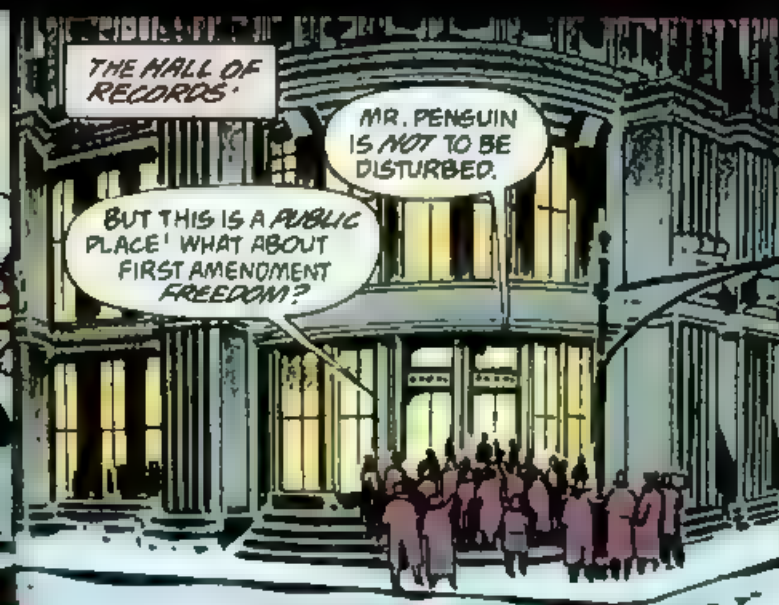
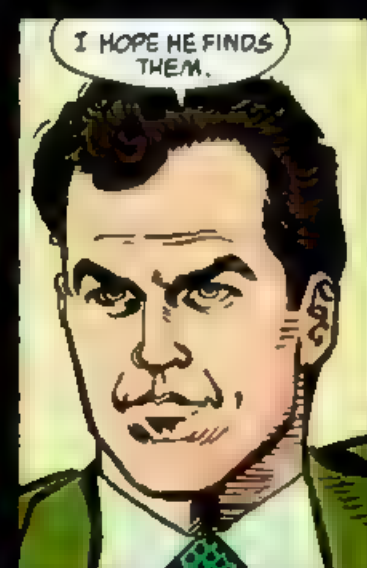
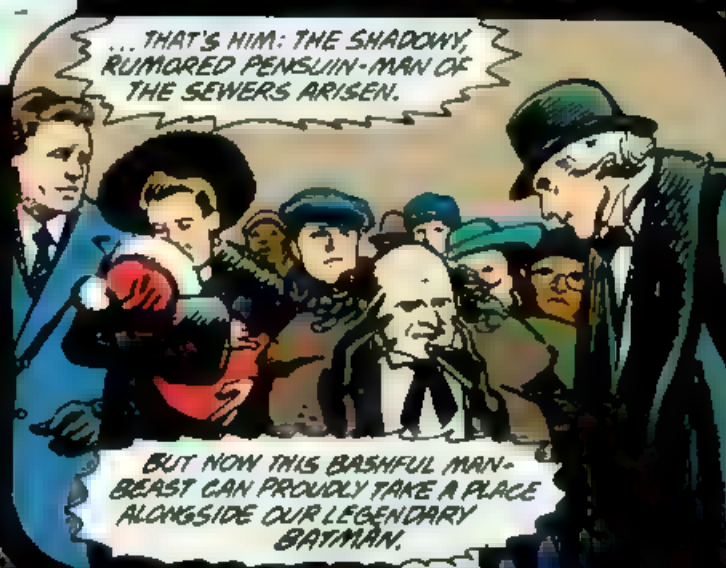
IF THEY EXISTED I WOULD HAVE SEEN TO IT THEY WERE SHREDDED.

A LOT OF TAPE AND A LITTLE PATIENCE MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE.











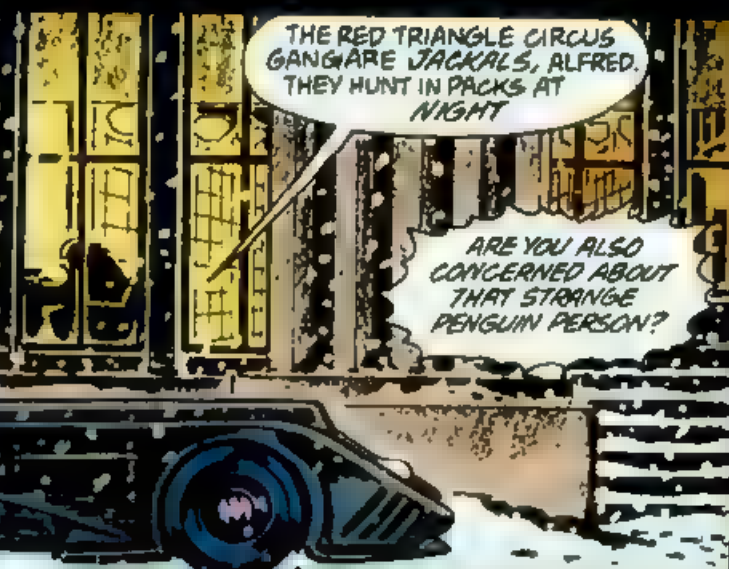


YES, HE'S A FRIEND.

OF THE WHOLE CITY.



THE CITY'S BEEN NOTICEABLY QUIET, YET YOU STILL PATROL.



THE RED TRIANGLE CIRCUS GANG ARE JACKALS, ALFRED. THEY HUNT IN PACKS AT NIGHT.

ARE YOU ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THAT STRANGE PENGUIN PERSON?



FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK.



"MAYBE I AM A BIT CONCERNED."



TUCKER COBBLEPOT  
DEVOTED HUSBAND

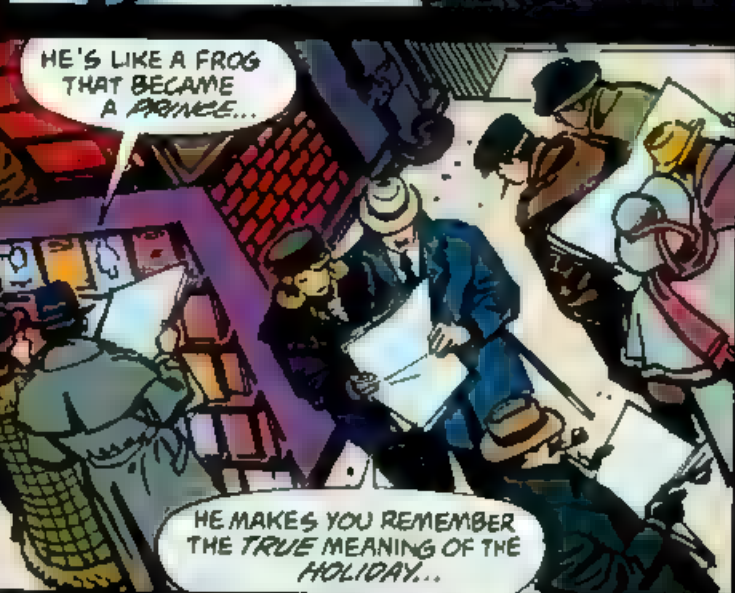
ESTHER COBBLEPOT  
WIFE

COBBLEPOT

EXTRA!  
EXTRA!  
PENGUIN FORGIVES PARENTS



--IS AT PEACE WITH HIMSELF AND WORLD!



HE'S LIKE A FROG THAT BECAME A PRINCE...

HE MAKES YOU REMEMBER THE TRUE MEANING OF THE HOLIDAY...





I'M TOUCHED.

NO, I AM.

I'M BONING UP FOR YOUR BRUCE WAYNE MEETING. IT'S ALL VERY INTERESTING, THOUGH A BIT ON THE TECHNICAL SIDE.

I MEAN, HOW THE POWER PLANT IS A POWER PLANT IN NAME ONLY--

--SINCE IT'S GONNA BE ONE GIANT CAPACITOR.

WORKING LATE?

INSTEAD OF GENERATING POWER IT'LL BE SUCKING POWER FROM GOTHAM AND STORING IT.

HOW INDUSTRIOUS. YOU OPENED PROTECTED FILES.

AND WHO... WOULD YOU SAY THIS TO?

WELL... UM... NOBODY--?

WHAT DID CURIOSITY DO TO THE CAT?

I'M NO CAT. I'M JUST AN ASSISTANT. A SECRETARY--

AND A VERY, VERY GOOD ONE.

TOO GOOD?

GO AHEAD. BULLY ME IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL BIG. IT'S NOT LIKE YOU CAN KILL ME--

ACTUALLY, IT'S A LOT LIKE THAT.

FOR A SECOND, YOU REALLY FRIGHTENED--

**CRASHH**

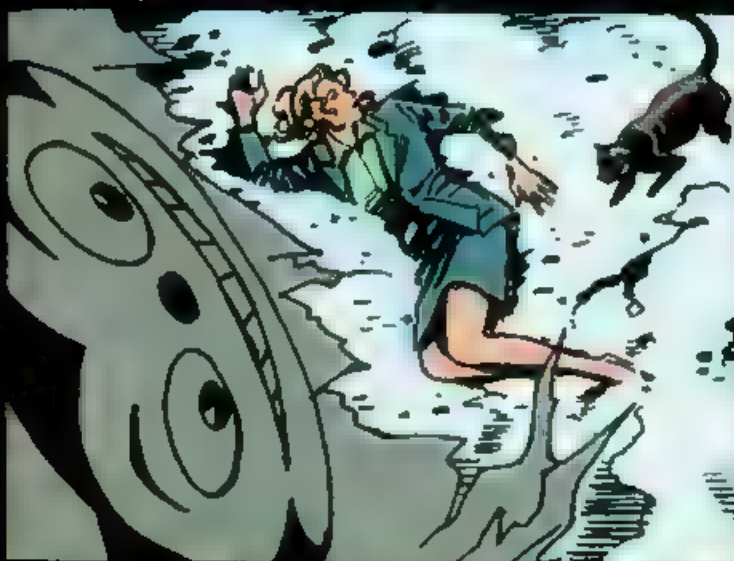
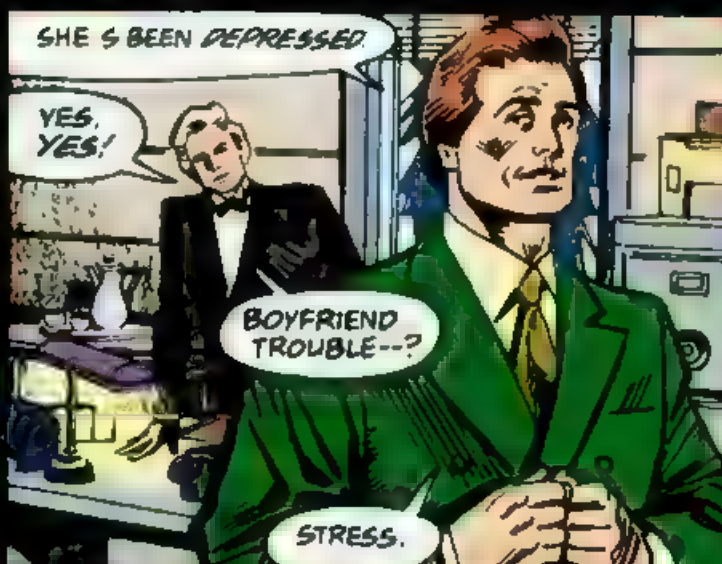
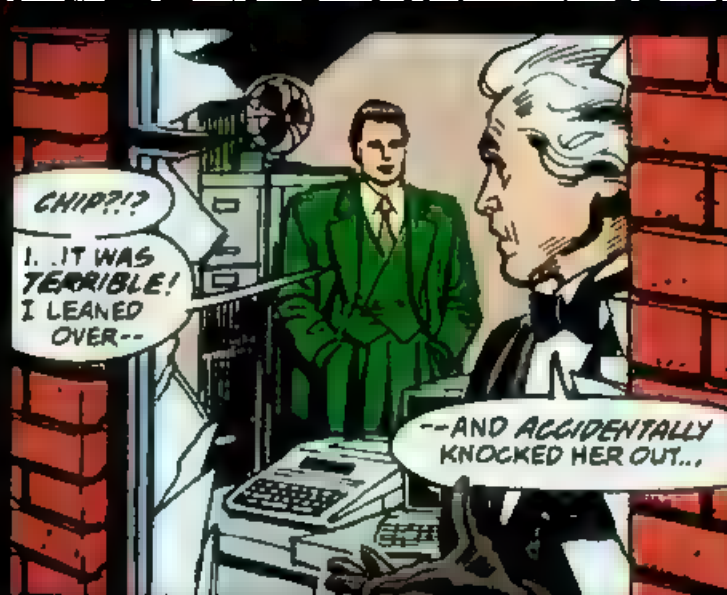
**WHAK**

**WHUD**

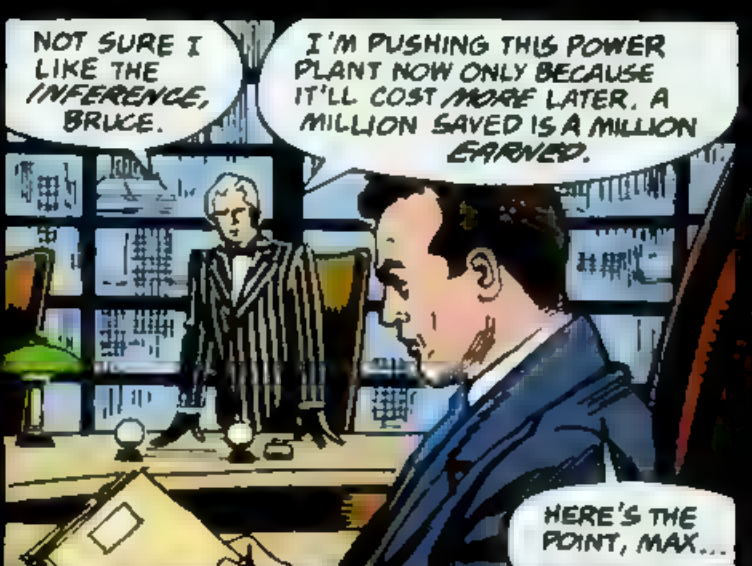
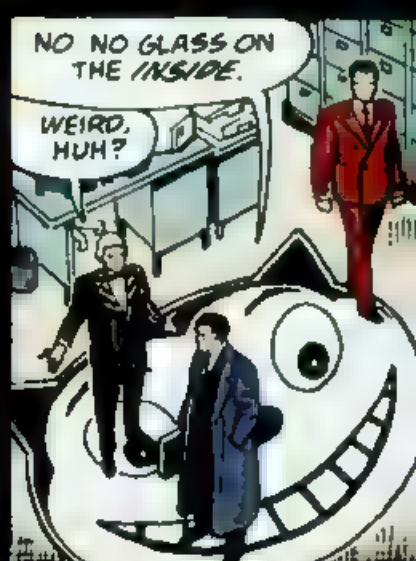
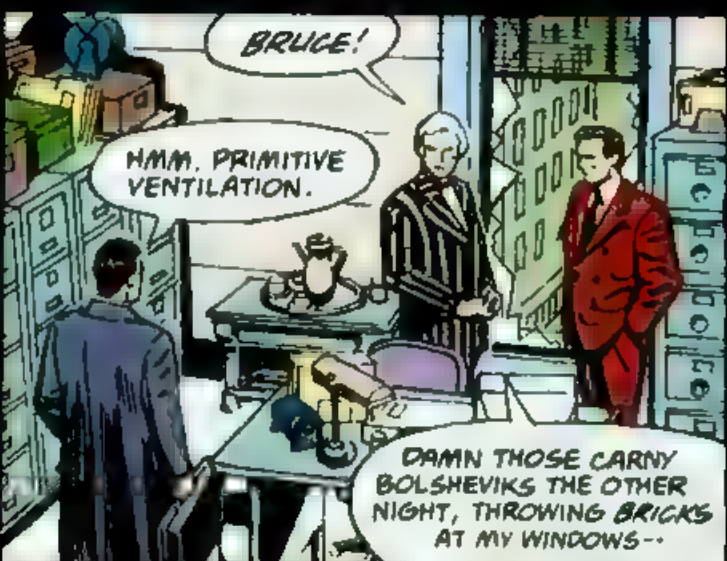
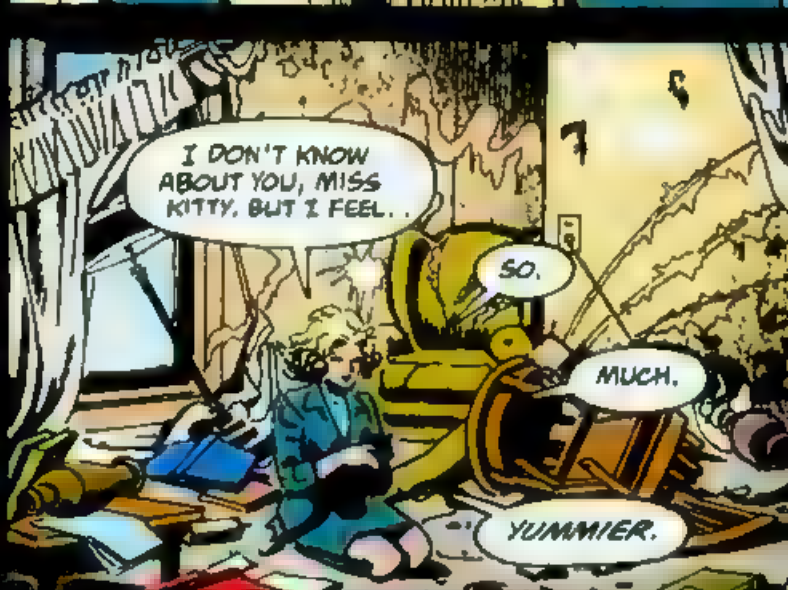
**RRRRPP**

**FWUMP!**

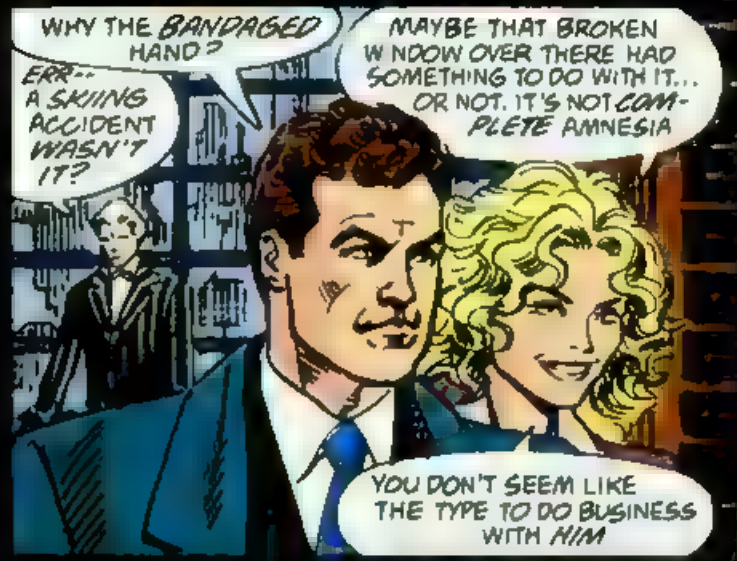
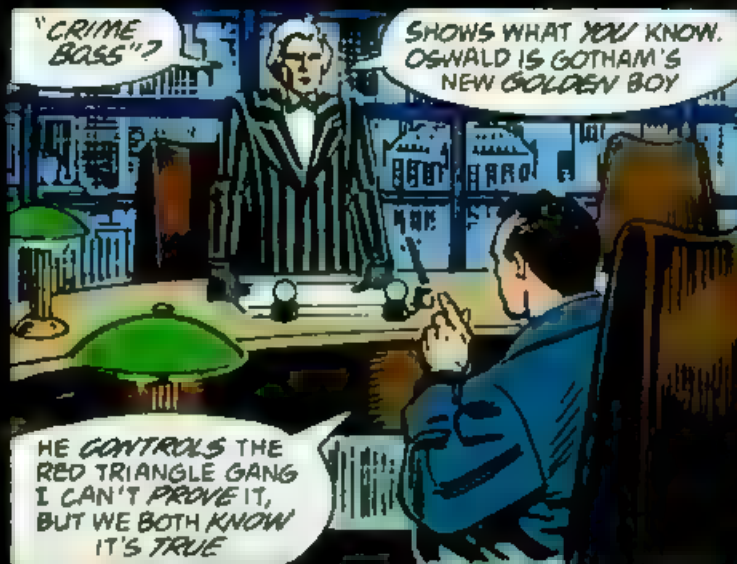
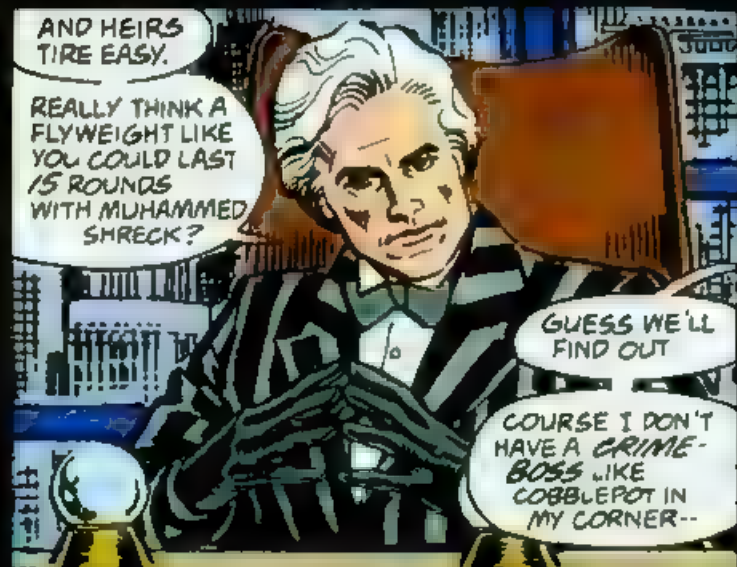
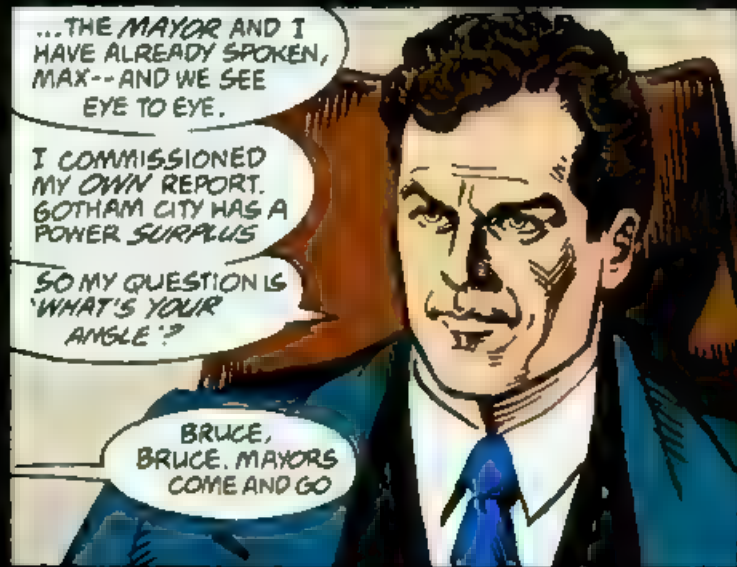
















THE CITY.

LATER THAT NIGHT...

AAGHH!  
HELP, BAT--



NOW, NOW,  
PRETTY YOUNG THING.  
NICE AND EASY  
AND--



OOPFF!

I JUST LOVE A BIG, STRONG  
MAN WHO'S NOT AFRAID TO  
SHOW IT WITH SOMEONE  
HALF HIS SIZE.



WHO?



BE GENTLE...

IT'S MY  
FIRST  
TIME.



KRAKE



SLASH



OH, THANK YOU,  
THANK YOU! I  
WAS SO SCARED  
HE'D-- URK!

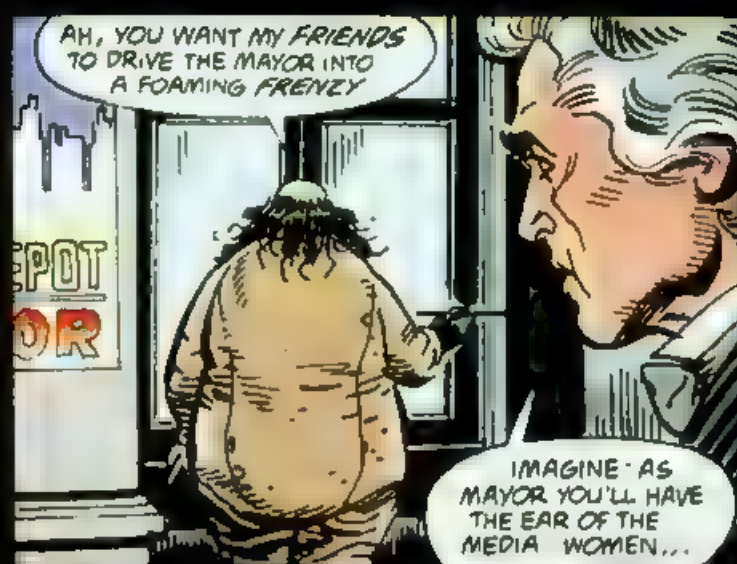
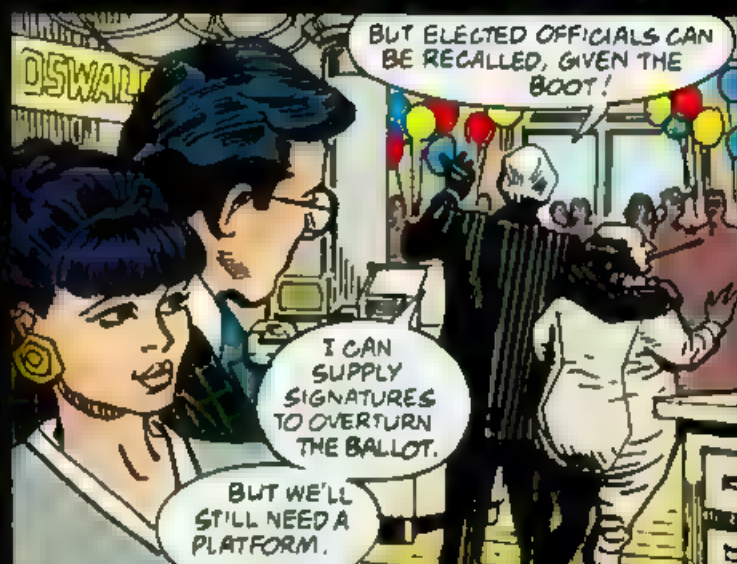
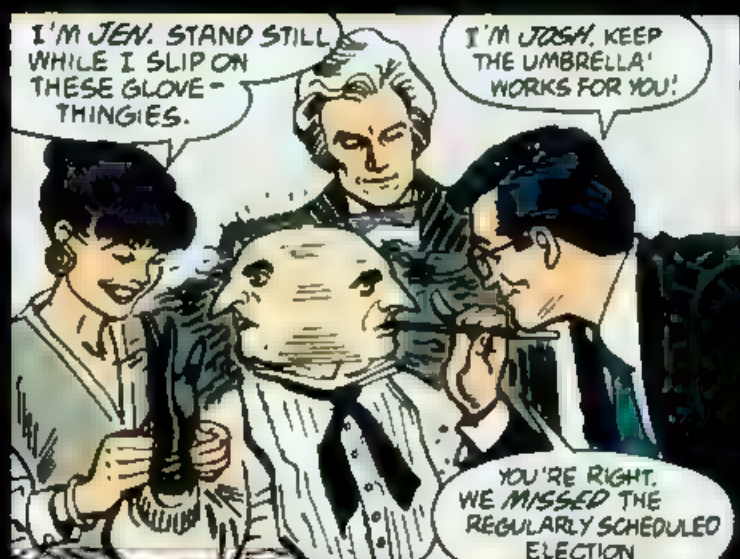
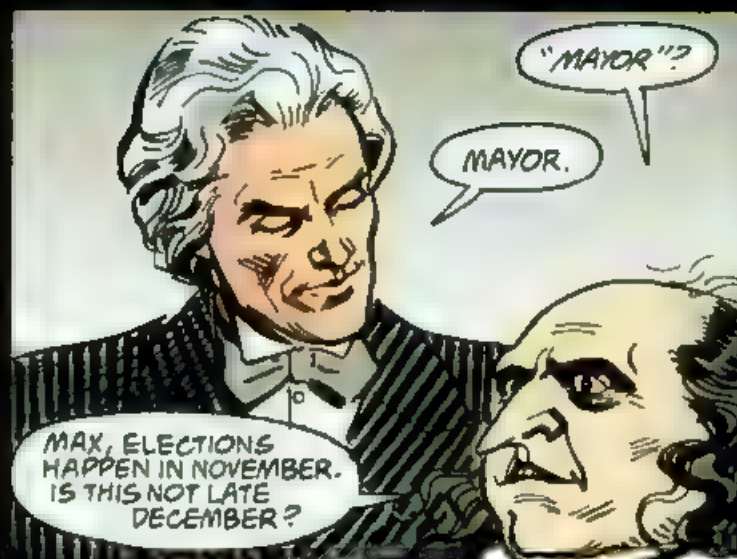
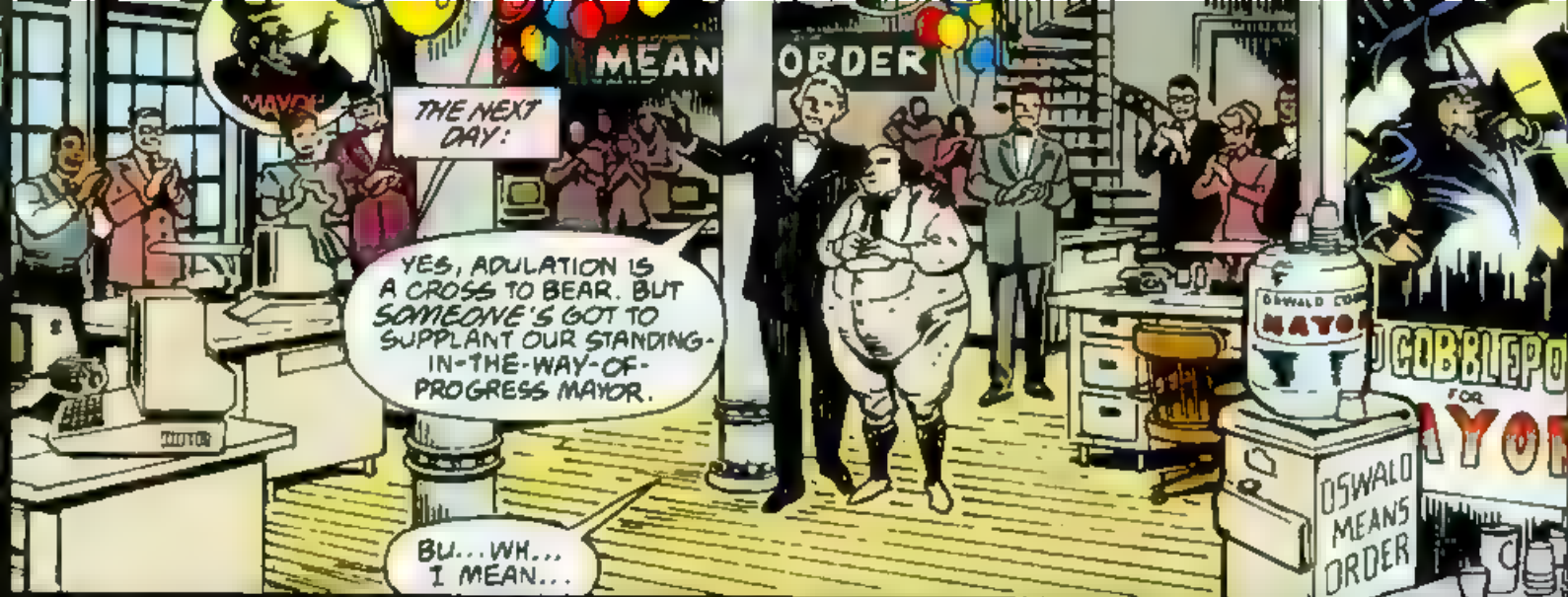
YOU MAKE  
IT SO EASY,  
DON'T YOU?

ALWAYS  
WAITING FOR  
SOME BATMAN  
TO SAVE YOU.



I'M  
CATWOMAN.  
HEAR ME ROAR.









A TELLER MACHINE  
EXPLODED.



THE ICE RINK WAS  
TORCHED.

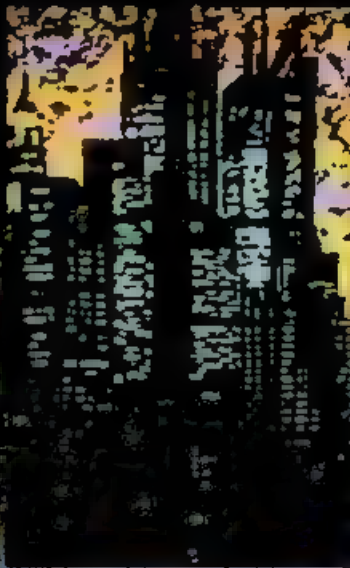
AND NOW THE TWELFTH  
PRECINCT REPORTS  
OFFENSIVE GRAFFITI  
AND A PHARMACY  
HEIST



LOVE TO GET MY  
FLIPPERS DIRTY. BUST  
SOMEONE'S SKULL.  
EAT SOMEONE'S  
PET.



BUT, ACTION MUST  
BE BALANCED WITH  
DISCRETION...



AN ORGY OF  
SEX AND  
VIOLENCE?



COUNT ME IN,  
MISS KITTY.



THE STREETS OF  
GOTHAM--

-- WHERE TONIGHT  
THE RED TRIANGLE  
GANG EXPANDS  
THEIR REIGN OF  
TERROR..

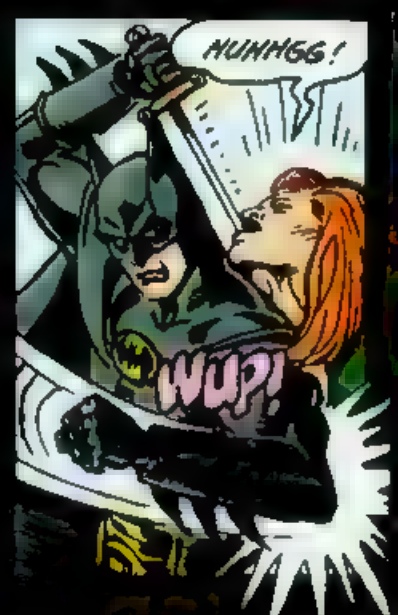
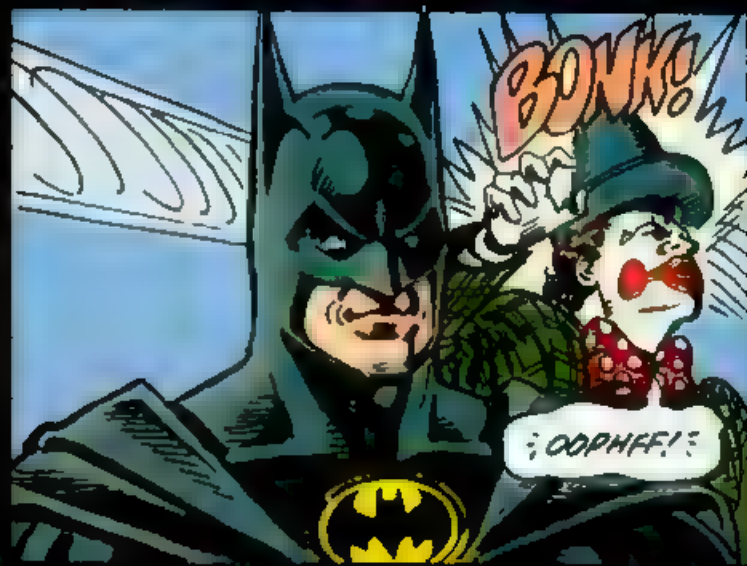
THAT'S IT.  
TAKE WHATEVER  
YOU-- WHAT?  
OH NO!



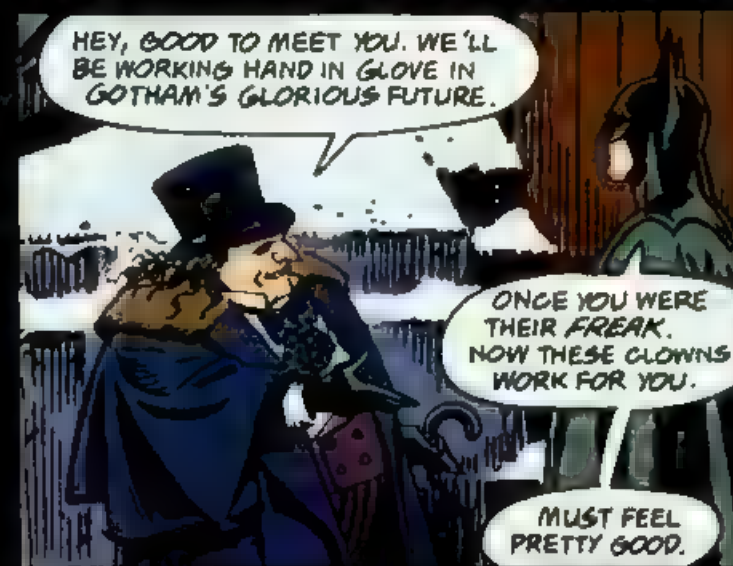
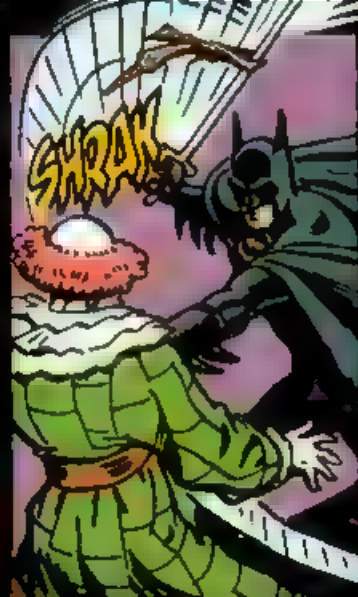
H-HIM!



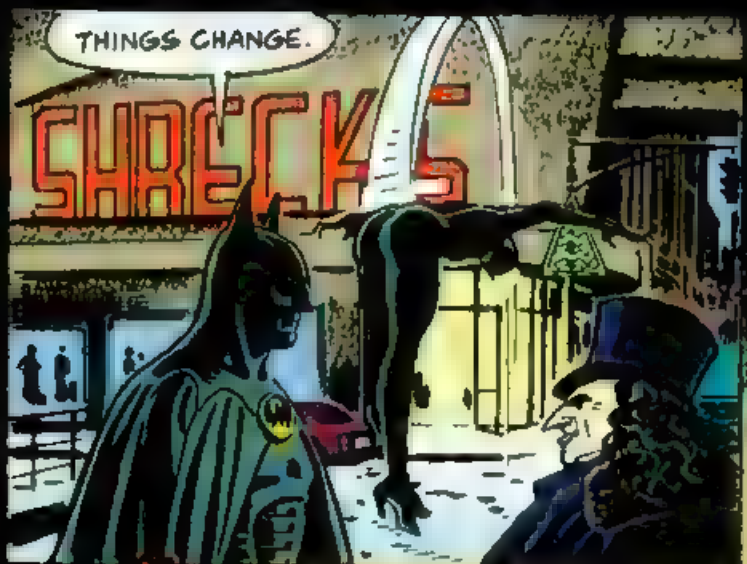




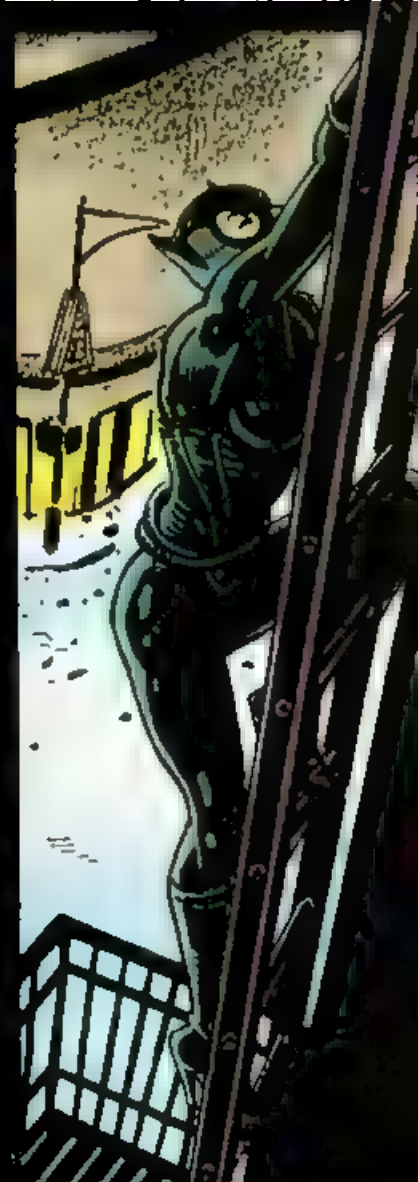










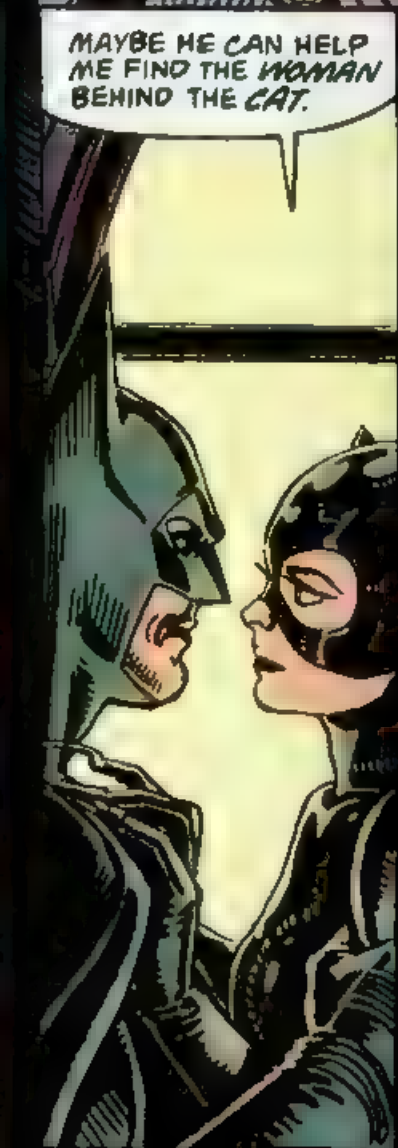


I'M SORRY, I--









MAYBE HE CAN HELP  
ME FIND THE WOMAN  
BEHIND THE CAT.

HMM-- THAT'S  
NOT HIM ..

AARGH!

NO--!

SCRATCH

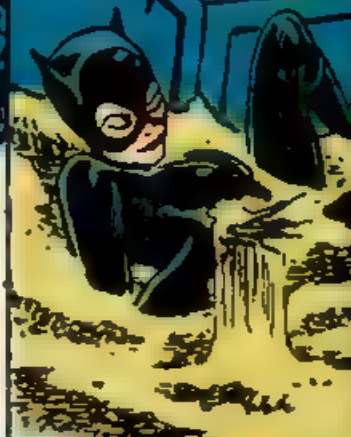
AH, THERE  
YOU ARE --





SAND.

SAVED  
BY KITTY  
LITTER!



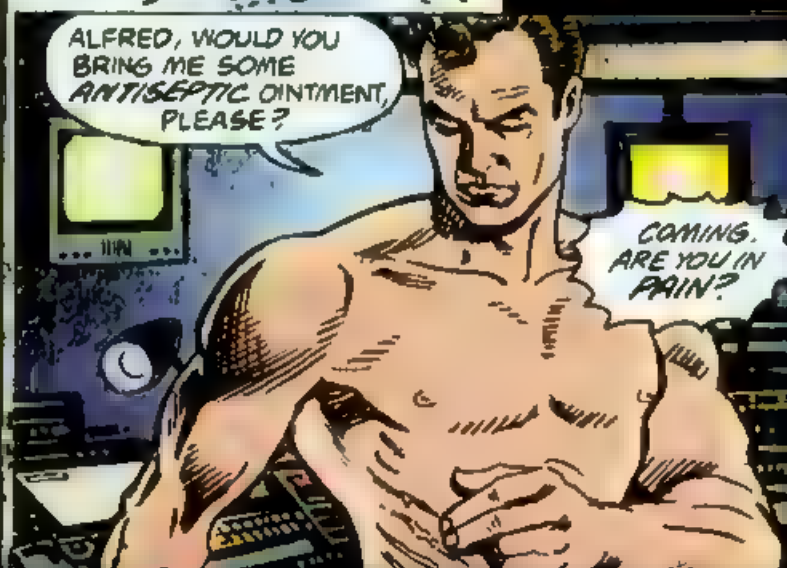
SOME DATE.

SO IT'S NOT A  
CORSAGE. BUT A  
BURN LASTS SO  
MUCH LONGER...

JERK.



WITCH.



ALFRED, WOULD YOU  
BRING ME SOME  
ANTISEPTIC OINTMENT,  
PLEASE?

COMING.  
ARE YOU IN  
PAIN?



A BIT-- BUT I DON'T  
REALLY MIND.



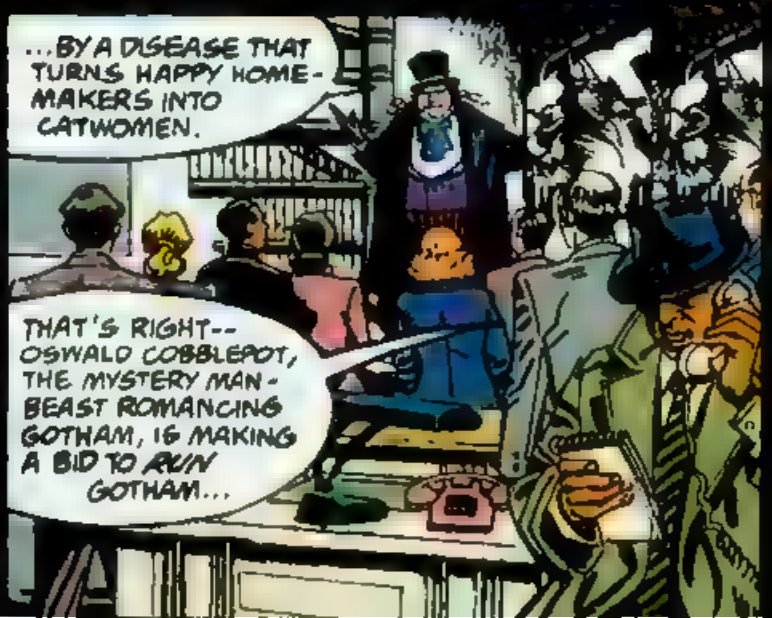
MEOW.



THE NEXT DAY:

TRUE, I MAY HAVE  
SAVED THE MAYOR'S  
BABY, BUT I REFUSE  
TO SAVE A MAYOR--

-- WHO STANDS  
BY HELPLESS AS  
A BABY WHILE  
GOTHAM IS  
RAVAGED..



...BY A DISEASE THAT  
TURNS HAPPY HOME-  
MAKERS INTO  
CATWOMEN.

THAT'S RIGHT--  
OSWALD COBBLEPOOT,  
THE MYSTERY MAN-  
BEAST ROMANCING  
GOTHAM, IS MAKING  
A BID TO RUN  
GOTHAM...





YOU'RE THE COOLEST ROLE MODEL A YOUNG PERSON COULD HAVE!

AND YOU'RE THE HOTTEST YOUNG PERSON A ROLE MODEL COULD HAVE... BUT I HAVE TO GO NOW.



PENGUIN HEY, PENGUIN, THERE'S A--

MY NAMES NOT PENGUIN! IT'S OSWALD!

OSWALD... SOMEONE'S HERE TO SEE YOU.



WE NEED TO TALK. YOU SEE, WE'VE GOT SOMETHING IN COMMON.

WAIT, DON'T TELL ME-- NAKED SEXUAL CHARISMA.



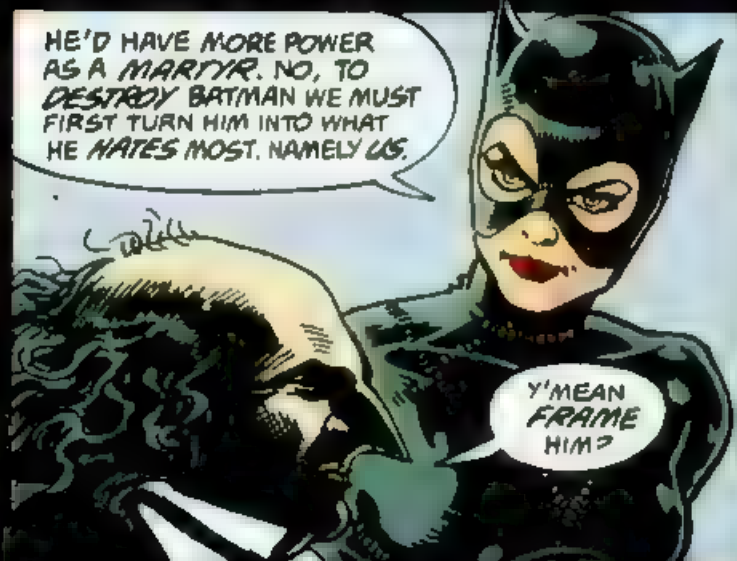
BATMAN. THE THORN IN BOTH OUR SIDES.



HIM AGAIN! WHAT IS IT WITH YOU TWO? HE'S ALREADY HISTORY...



WE'RE GONNA TURN HIS BATMOBILE INTO AN H-BOMB ON WHEELS YESTERDAY'S VICTOR IS TOMORROW'S VAPOR.



HE'D HAVE MORE POWER AS A MARTYR. NO, TO DESTROY BATMAN WE MUST FIRST TURN HIM INTO WHAT HE HATES MOST. NAMELY US.

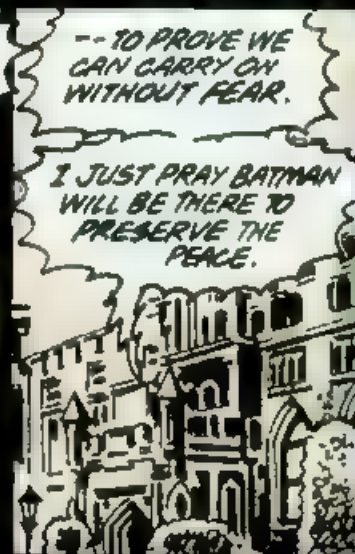
Y'MEAN FRAME HIM?



YOU GOT YOURSELF A DEAL, PUSS!



...AND SO I CHALLENGE THE MAYOR TO RE-LIGHT THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN GOTHAM PLAZA--



-- TO PROVE WE CAN CARRY ON WITHOUT FEAR.

I JUST PRAY BATMAN WILL BE THERE TO PRESERVE THE PEACE.



SUBTLE.





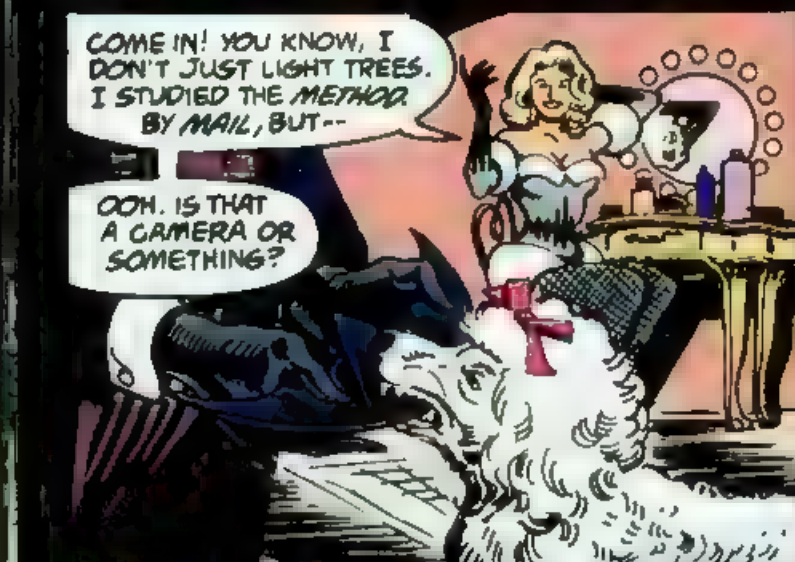
THE TREE  
LIGHTS UP, I  
PRESS THE  
BUTTON.



NO, WAIT. I  
PRESS THE  
BUTTON AND--

WHO ARE  
YOU?

TALENT  
SCOUT.

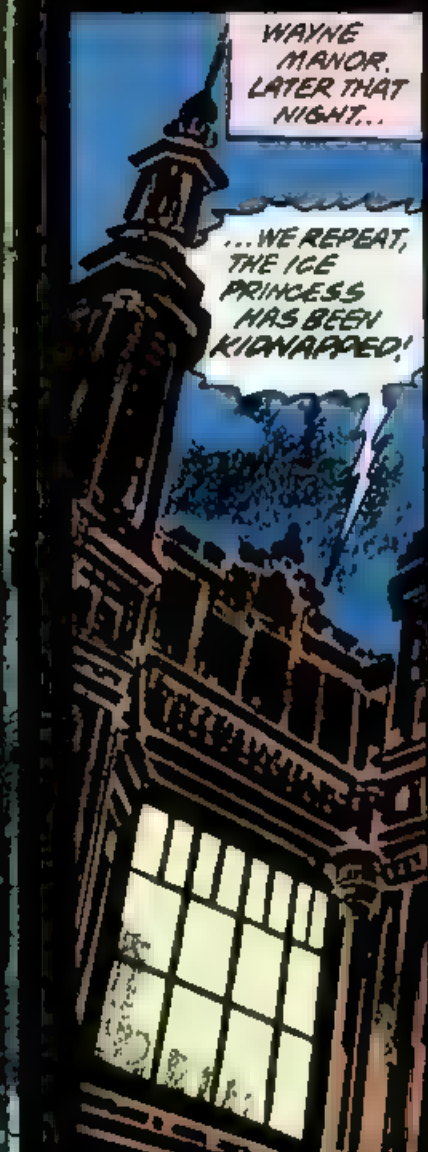


COME IN! YOU KNOW, I  
DON'T JUST LIGHT TREES.  
I STUDIED THE METHOD  
BY MAIL, BUT--

OOH. IS THAT  
A CAMERA OR  
SOMETHING?



SAY  
CHEESE.

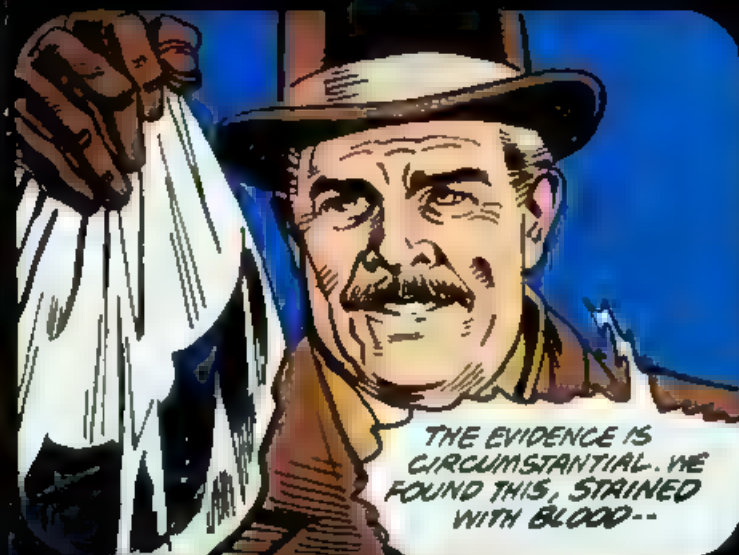


WAYNE  
MANOR.  
LATER THAT  
NIGHT...

...WE REPEAT,  
THE ICE  
PRINCESS  
HAS BEEN  
KIDNAPPED!



AND IT ONLY GETS  
WORSE. COMMISSIONER  
GORDON-- CAN YOU  
CONFIRM THE REPORTS  
OF BATMAN'S SUS-  
PECTED INVOLVEMENT  
IN THE ABDUCTION?



THE EVIDENCE IS  
CIRCUMSTANTIAL. WE  
FOUND THIS, STRAINED  
WITH BLOOD--



SORRY, ALFRED,  
BUT THE PENGUIN  
WAS PRACTICALLY  
BEGGING ME  
TO SHOW.



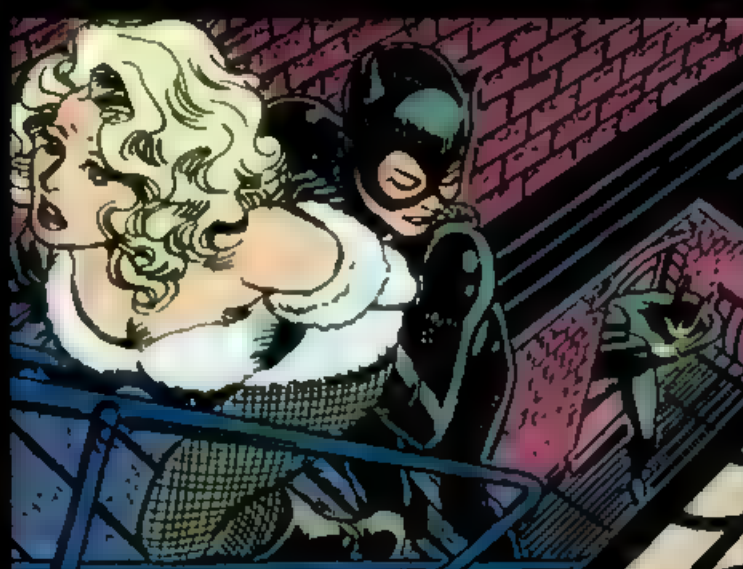
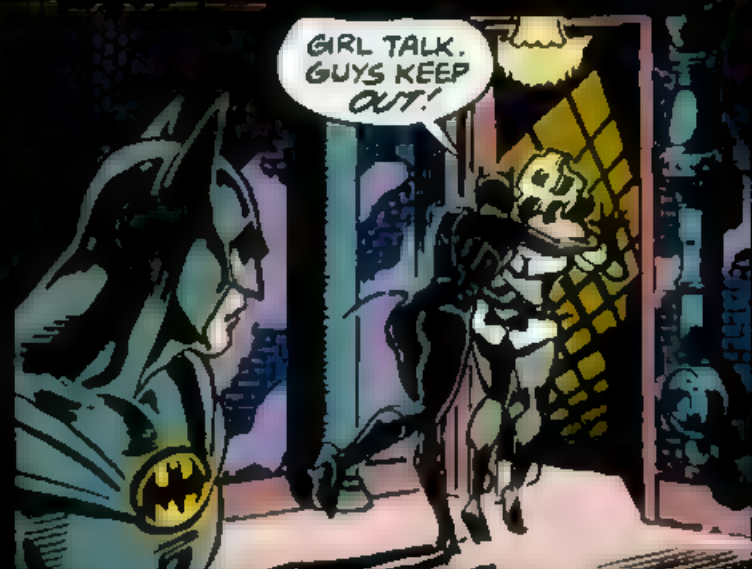
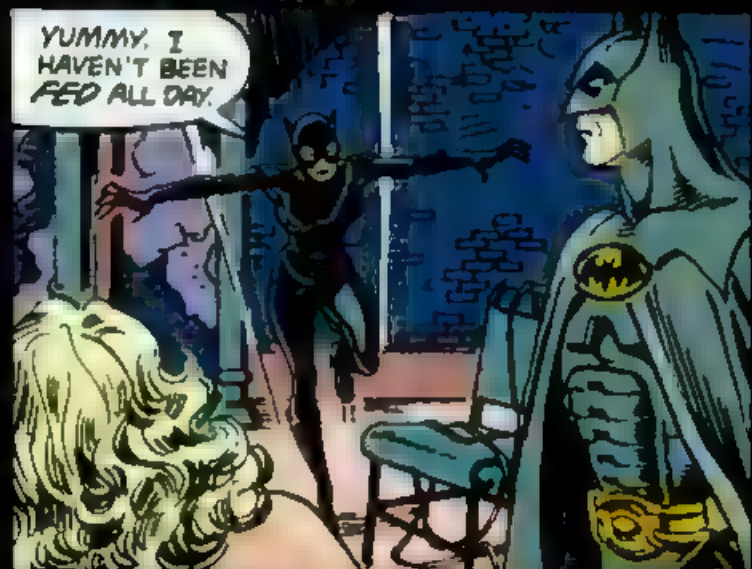
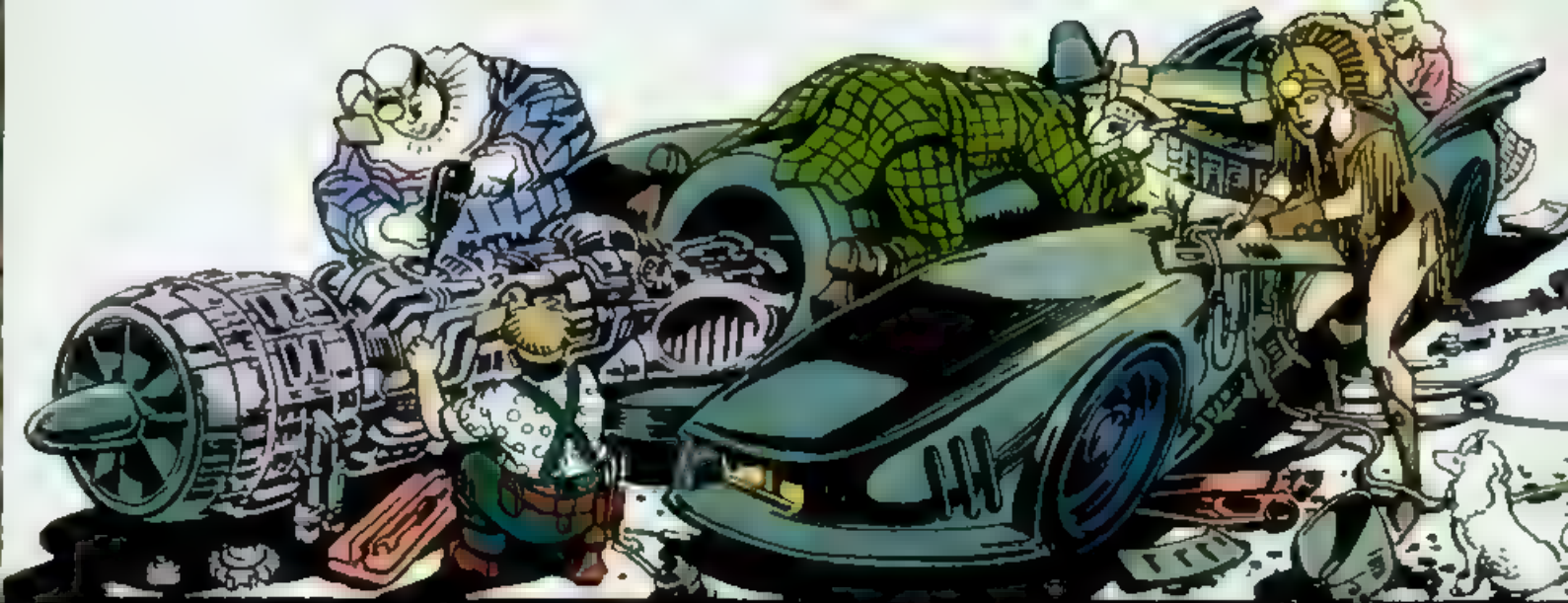
"I HAVE TO  
GET TO THE  
PLAZA..."



"THERE'S WORK  
TO BE DONE."











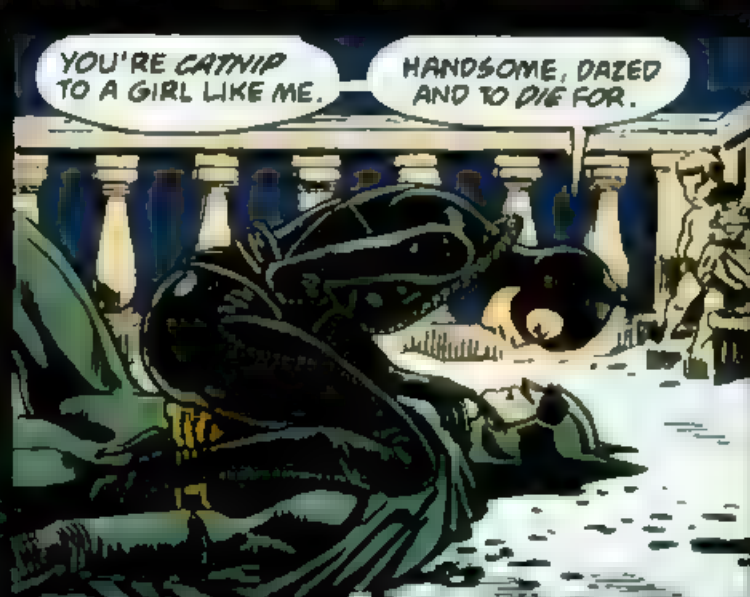








UGH



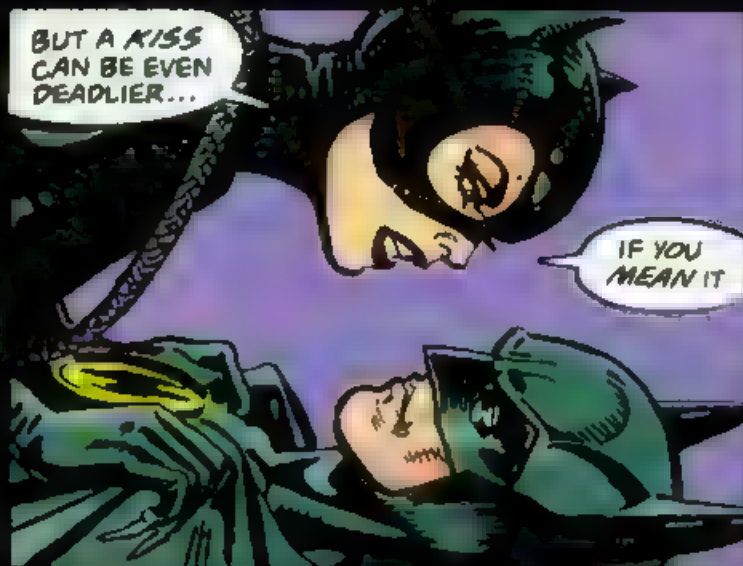
YOU'RE CATNIP TO A GIRL LIKE ME.

HANDSOME, DAZED AND TO DIE FOR.



A KISS UNDER THE MISTLETOE?

MISTLETOE CAN BE DEADLY, IF YOU EAT IT..



BUT A KISS CAN BE EVEN DEADLIER...

IF YOU MEAN IT

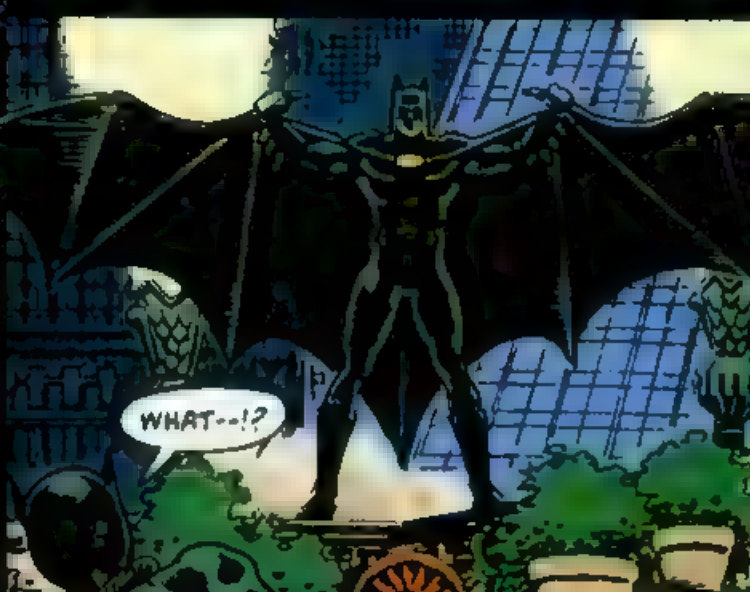


YOU'RE THE SECOND MAN WHO KILLED ME THIS WEEK I'VE GOT SEVEN LIVES LEFT.

BUT MAYBE YOU SHOULD RETIRE.

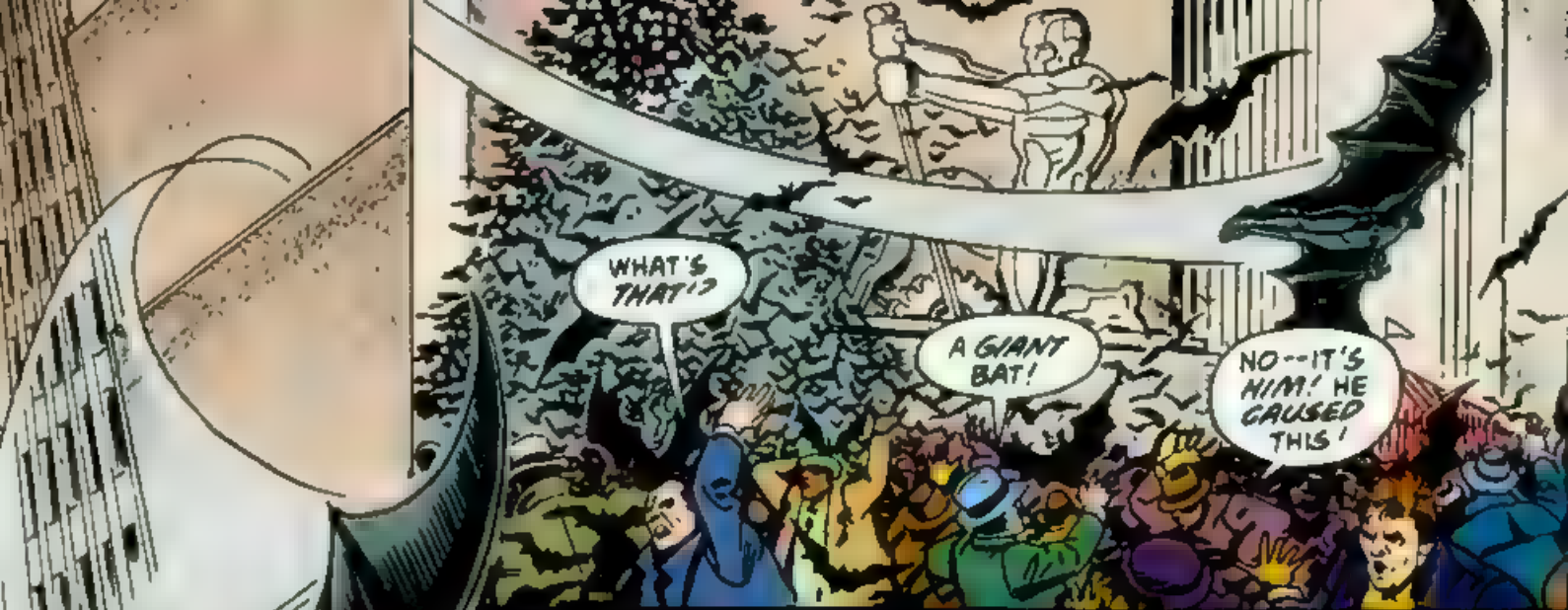


NO!



WHAT--!?





WHAT'S THAT?

A GIANT BAT!

NO--IT'S HIM! HE CAUSED THIS!



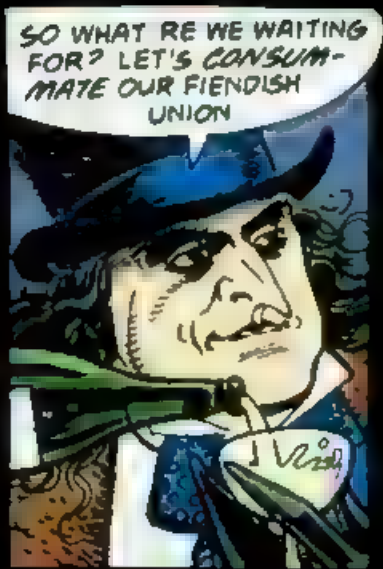
OUTSTANDING YOU'RE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO SCARE THE ICE PRINCESS!

AND I KEPT MY WORD!

THE LADY LOOKED TERRIFIED.



SO WHAT RE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S CONSUMMATE OUR FIENDISH UNION



OH PLEASE. I WOULDN'T TOUCH YOU TO SCRATCH YOU

YOU LOUSY MINX! YOU SENT OUT ALL THE SIGNALS!



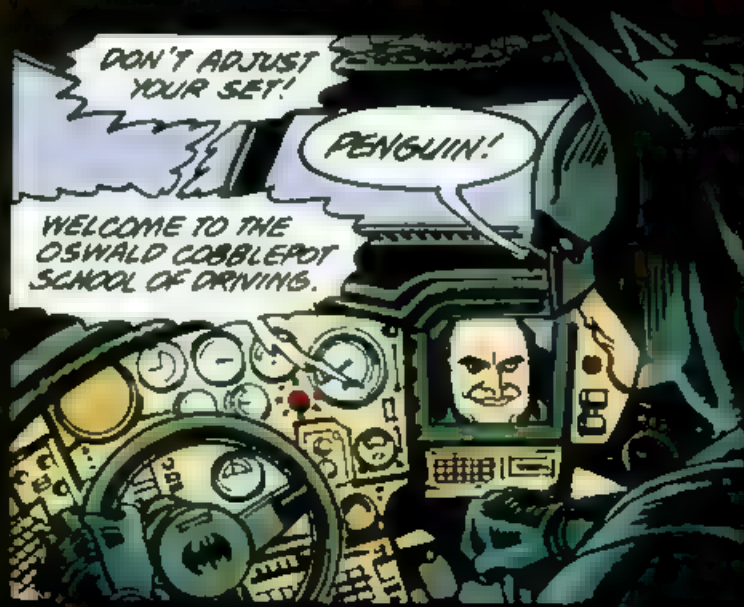
HHMMF. I DON'T THINK I LIKE YOU ANYMORE

FLPPPP





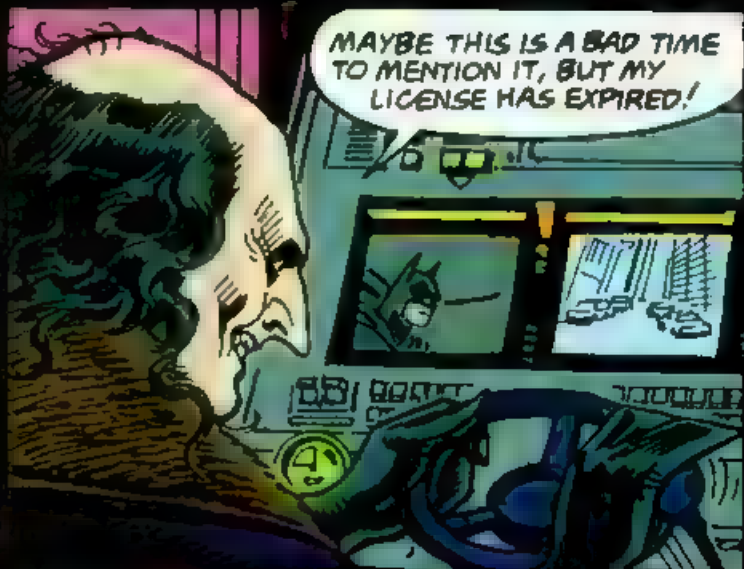




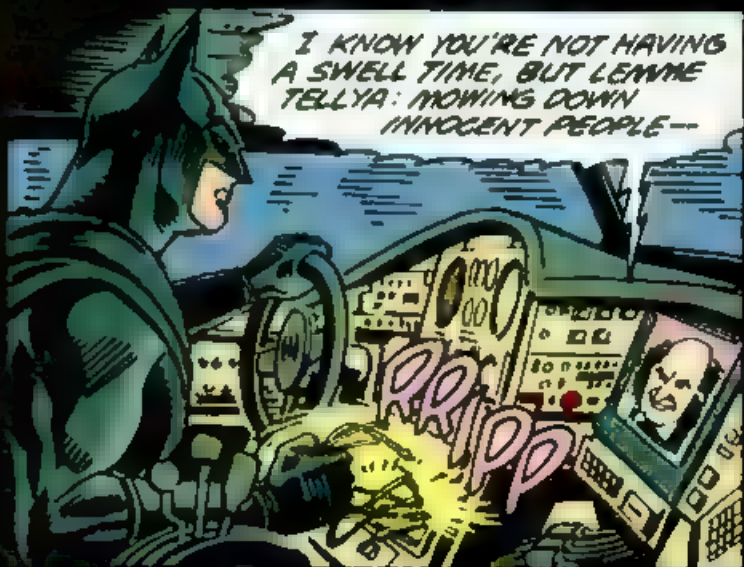
DON'T ADJUST  
YOUR SET!

PENGUIN!

WELCOME TO THE  
OSWALD COBBLEPOD  
SCHOOL OF DRIVING.

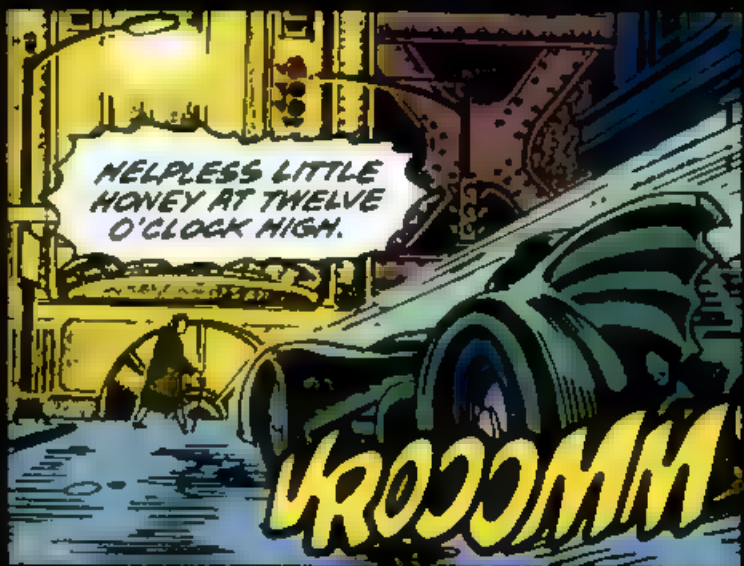


MAYBE THIS IS A BAD TIME  
TO MENTION IT, BUT MY  
LICENSE HAS EXPIRED!



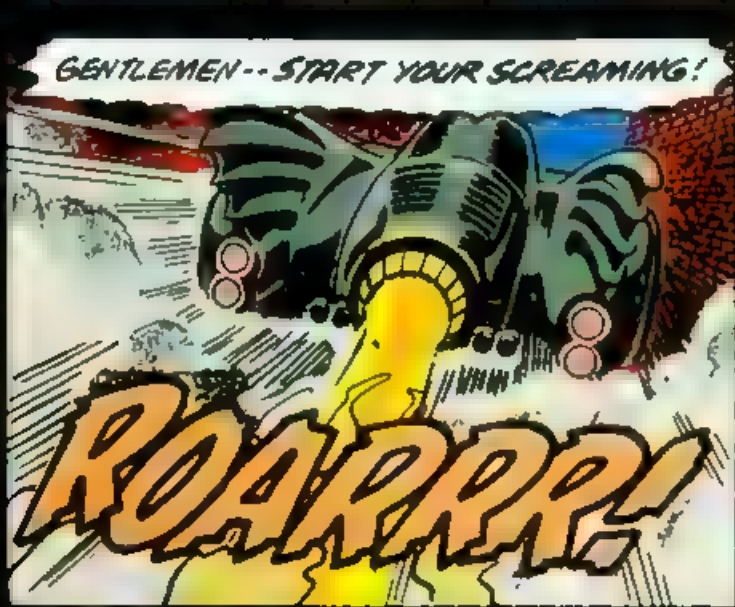
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT HAVING  
A SWELL TIME, BUT LET ME  
TELL YA: MOWING DOWN  
INNOCENT PEOPLE--

RRIP

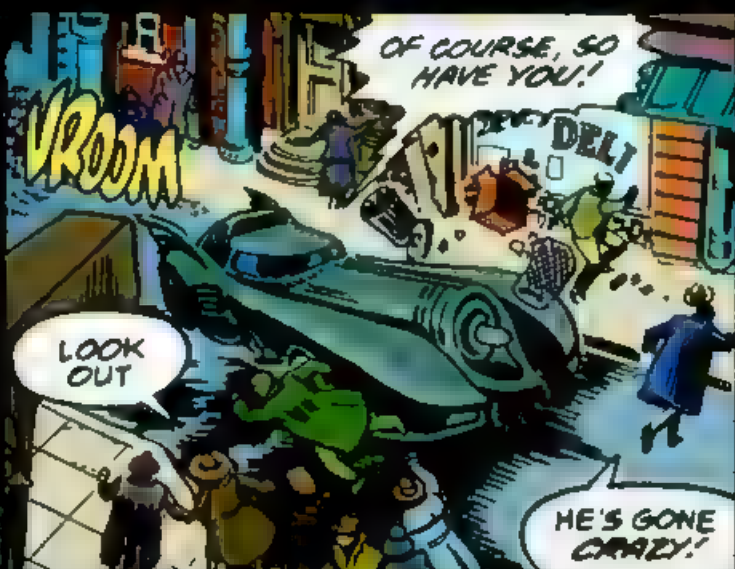


HELPLESS LITTLE  
HONEY AT TWELVE  
O'CLOCK HIGH.

UROOMMM



GENTLEMEN-- START YOUR SCREAMING!

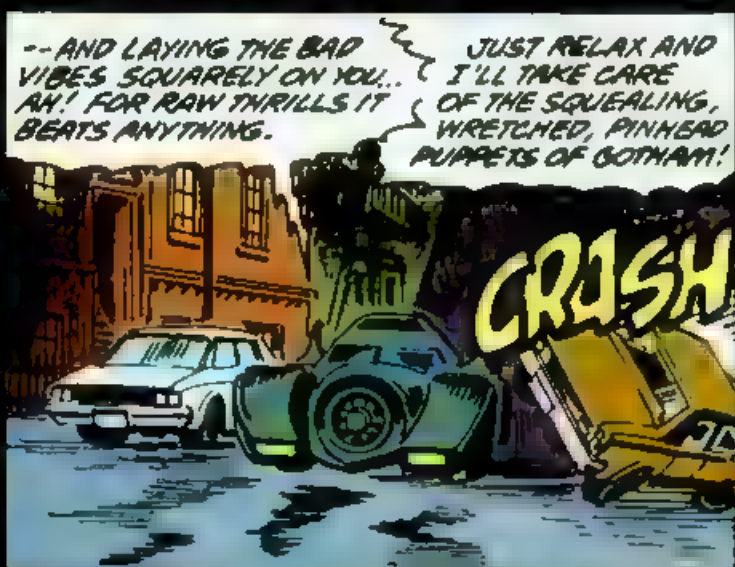


VROOM

OF COURSE, SO  
HAVE YOU!

LOOK  
OUT

HE'S GONE  
CRAZY!



-- AND LAYING THE BAD  
VIBES SQUARELY ON YOU...  
AH! FOR RAW THRILLS IT  
BEATS ANYTHING.

JUST RELAX AND  
I'LL TAKE CARE  
OF THE SQUEALING,  
WRETCHED, PINHEAD  
PUPPETS OF GOTHAM!

CRASH

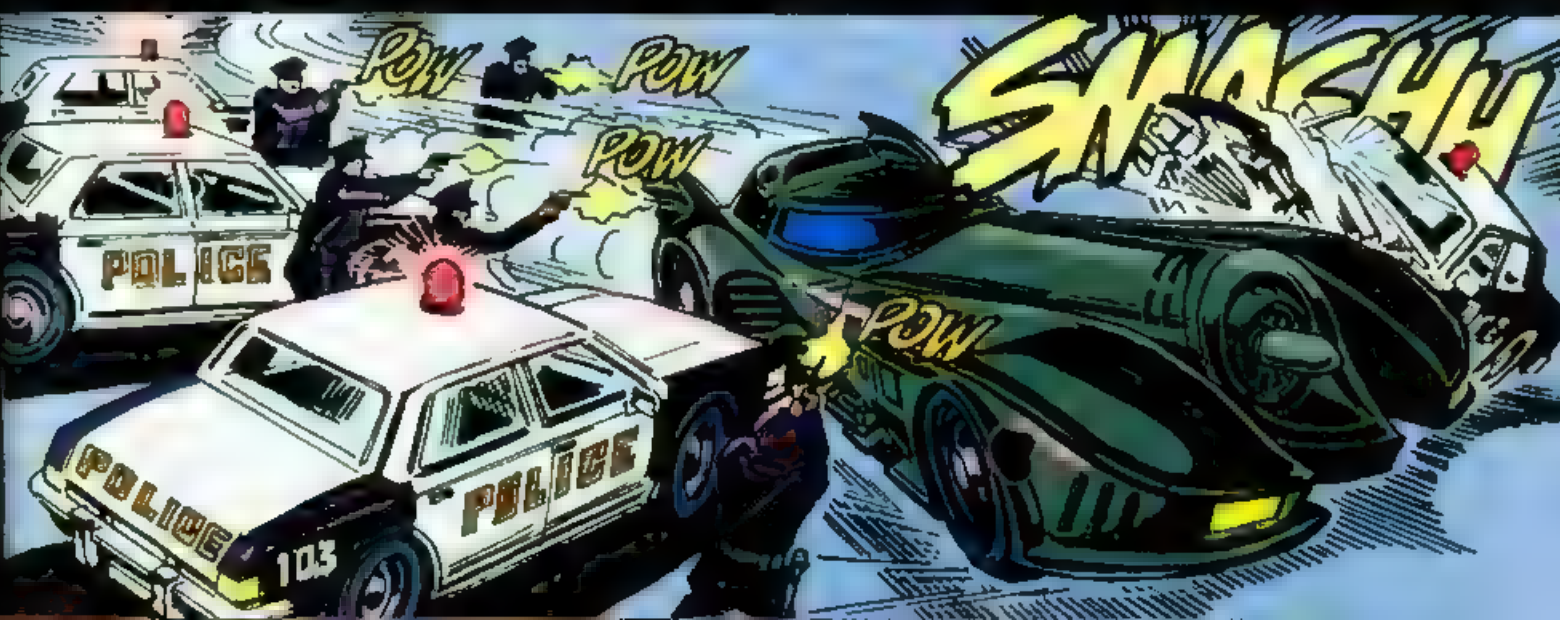
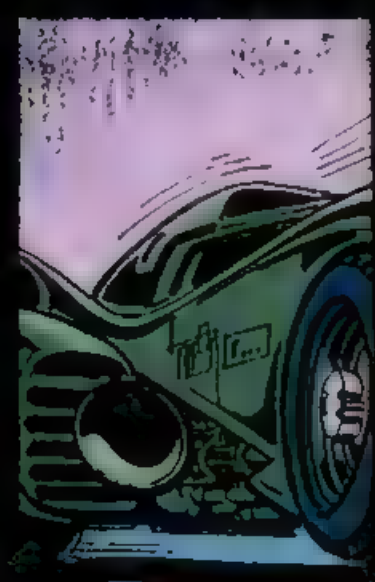
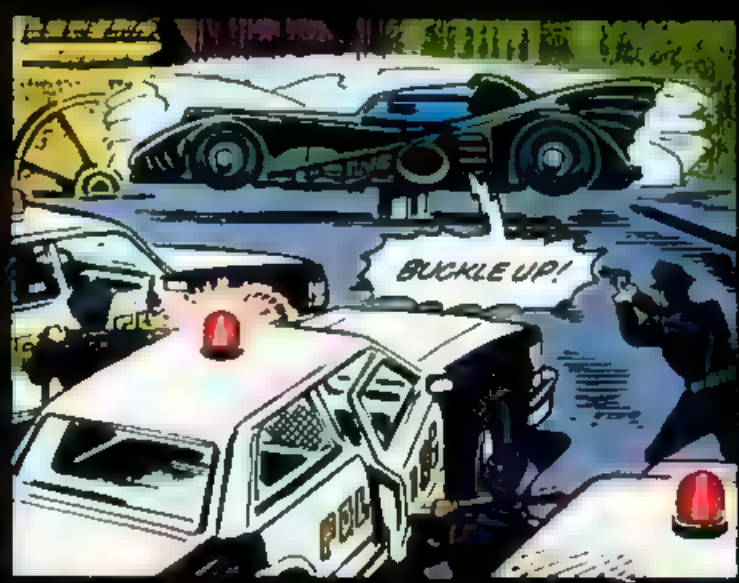
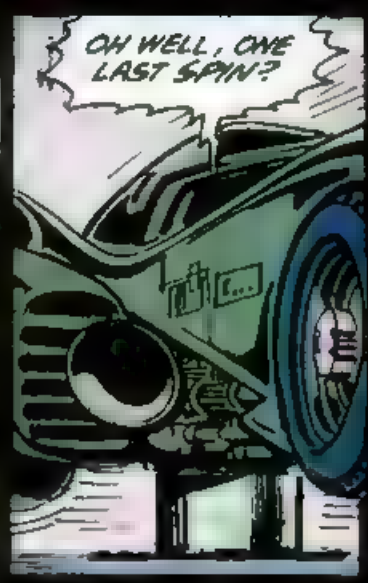
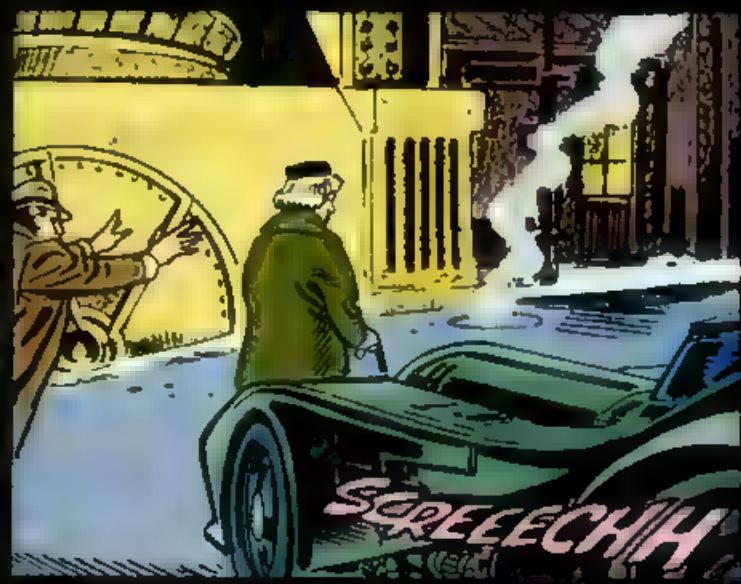


SMASH

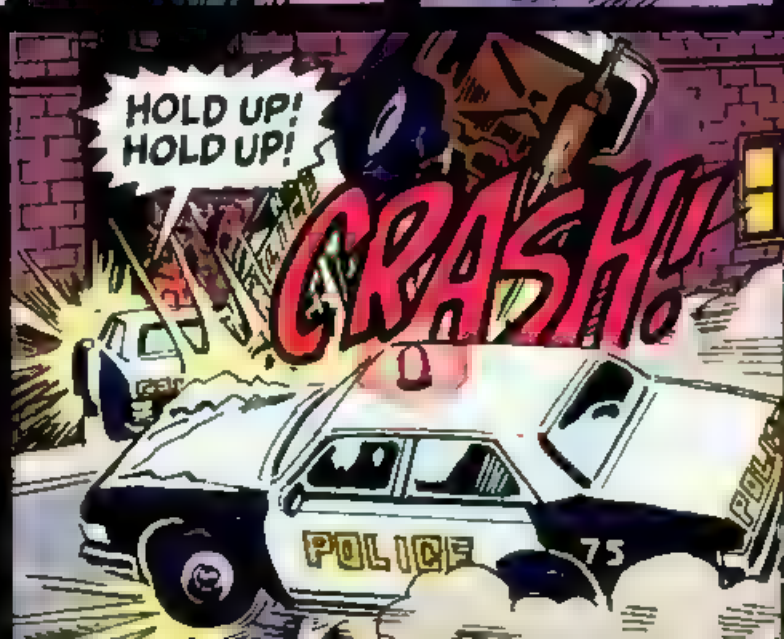
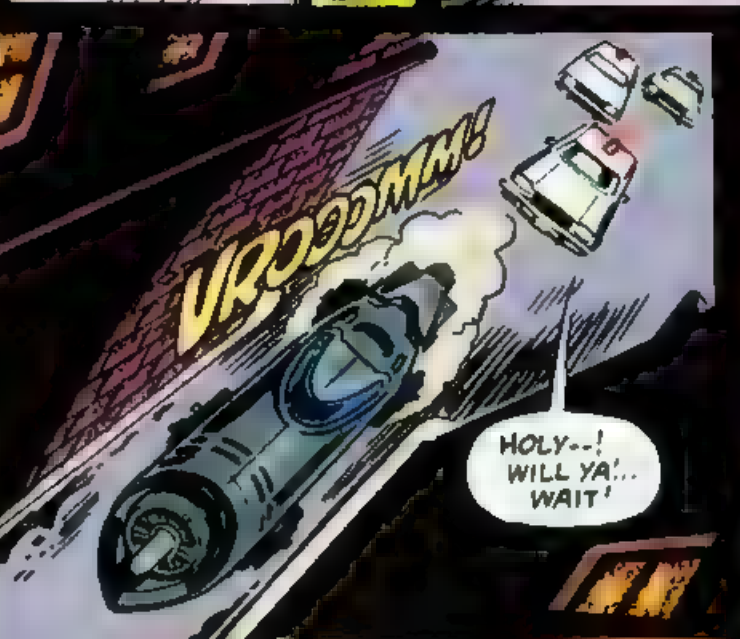
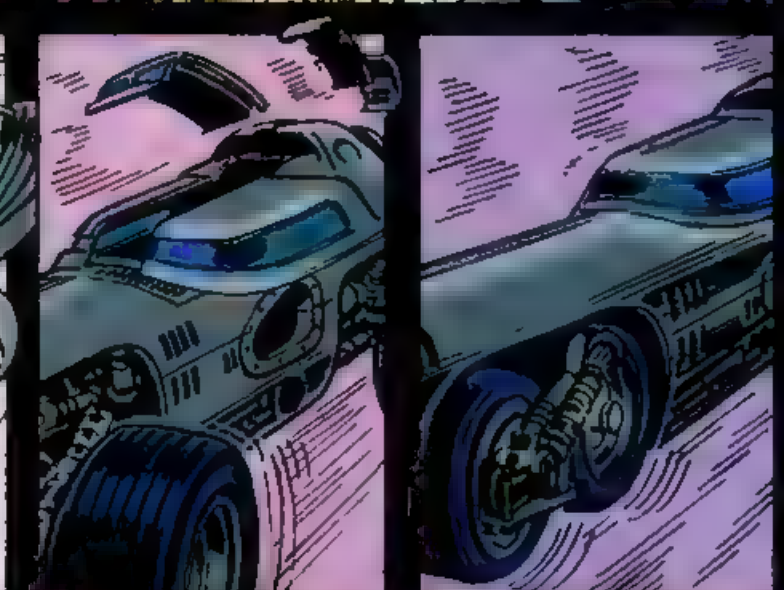
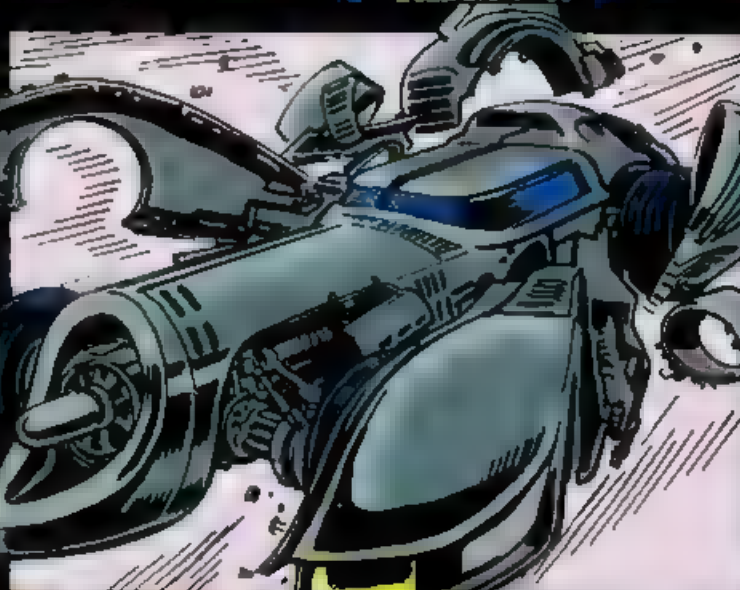


SHRAK

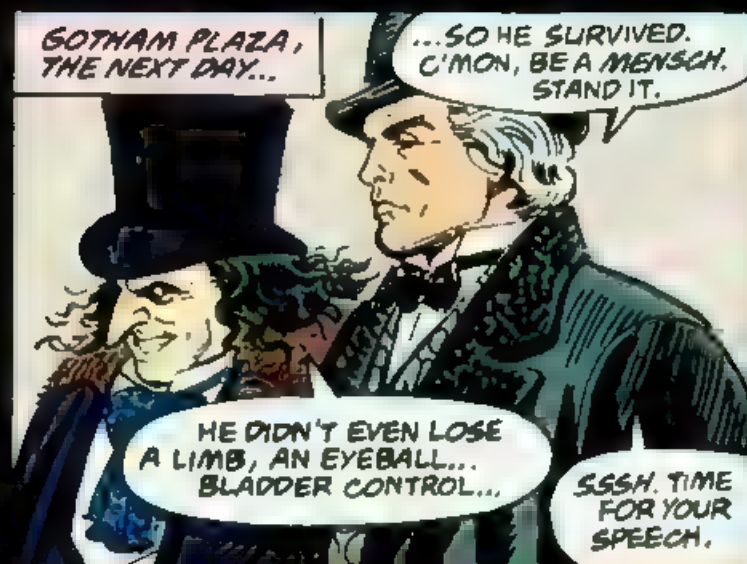
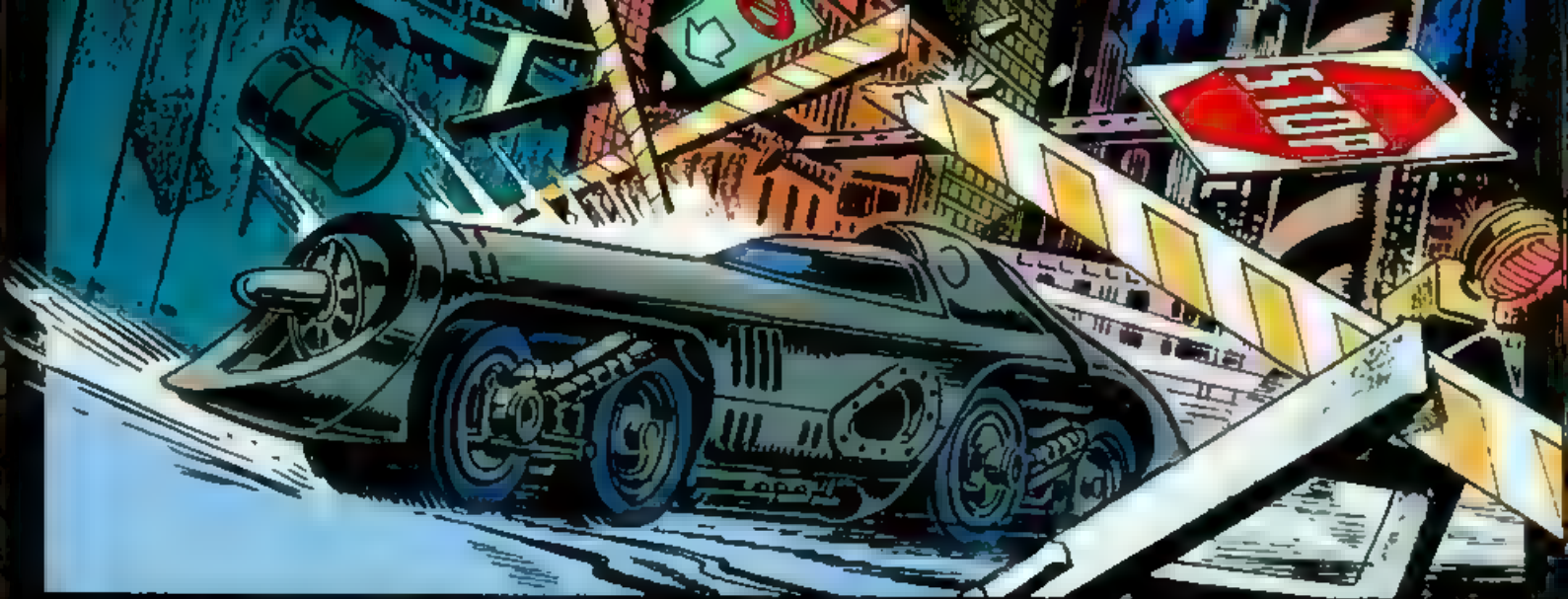










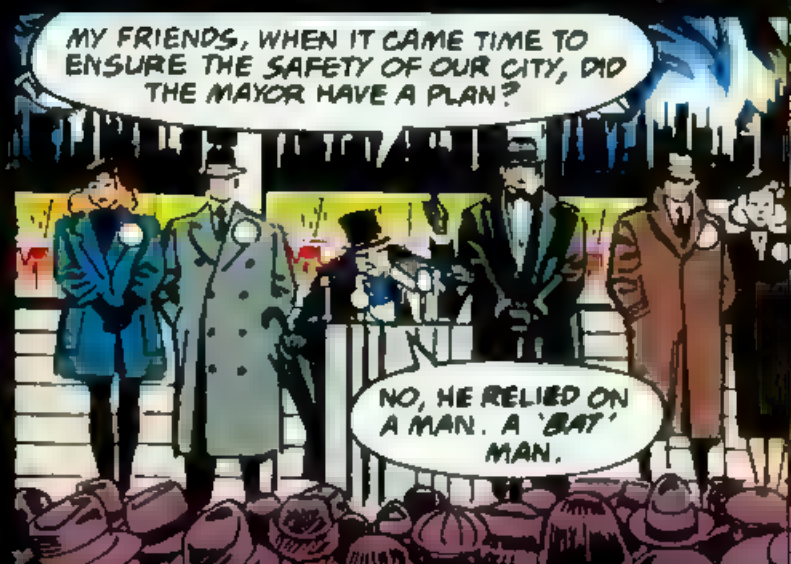


GOTHAM PLAZA,  
THE NEXT DAY...

...SO HE SURVIVED.  
C'MON, BE A MENSCH.  
STAND IT.

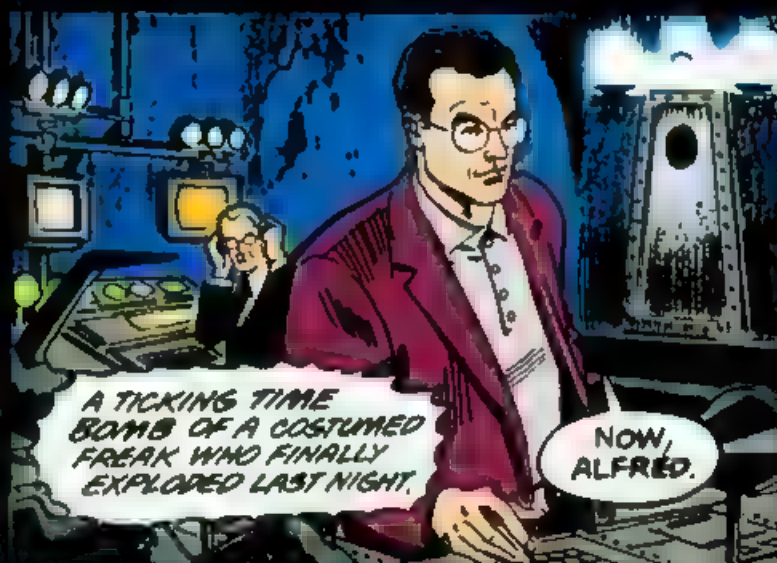
HE DIDN'T EVEN LOSE  
A LIMB, AN EYEBALL...  
BLADDER CONTROL...

SSSH. TIME  
FOR YOUR  
SPEECH.



MY FRIENDS, WHEN IT CAME TIME TO  
ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR CITY, DID  
THE MAYOR HAVE A PLAN?

NO, HE RELIED ON  
A MAN. A 'BAT'  
MAN.



A TICKING TIME  
BOMB OF A COSTUMED  
FREAK WHO FINALLY  
EXPLODED LAST NIGHT.

NOW,  
ALFRED.



FINDING  
FREQUENCY.

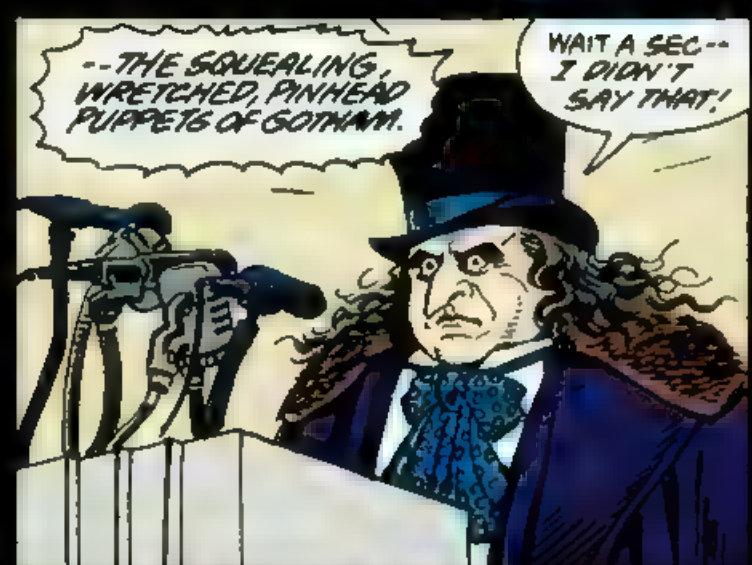
YOU ASK, AM I UP  
HERE FOR PERSONAL  
GLORY? NO, THE  
GLORY I YEARN TO  
RECAPTURE IS OF--



FREQUENCY  
JAMMED.



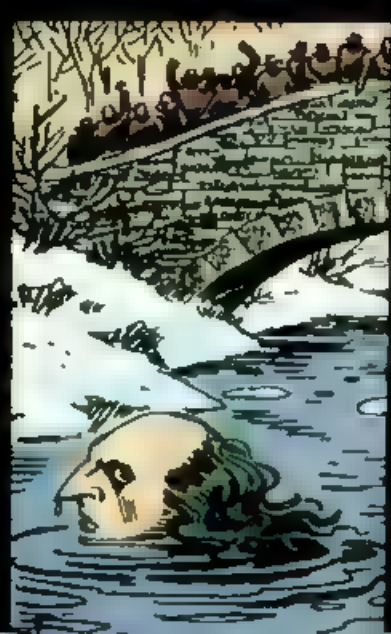
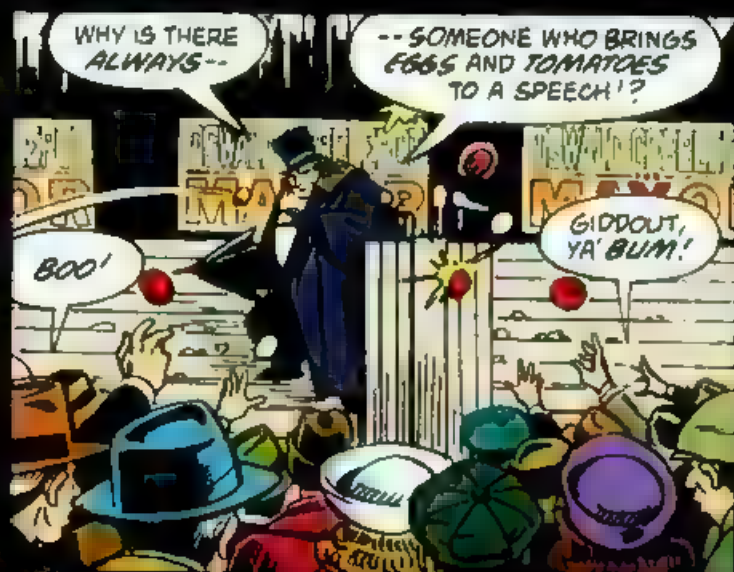
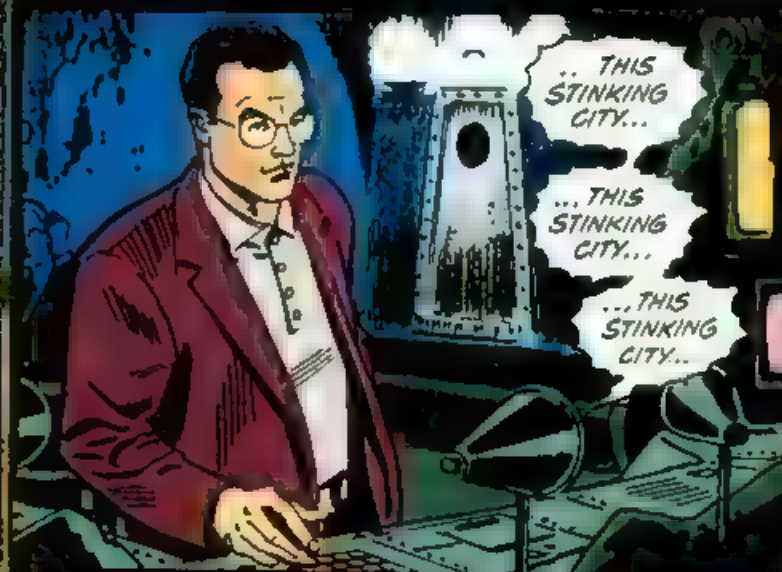
CLIK!



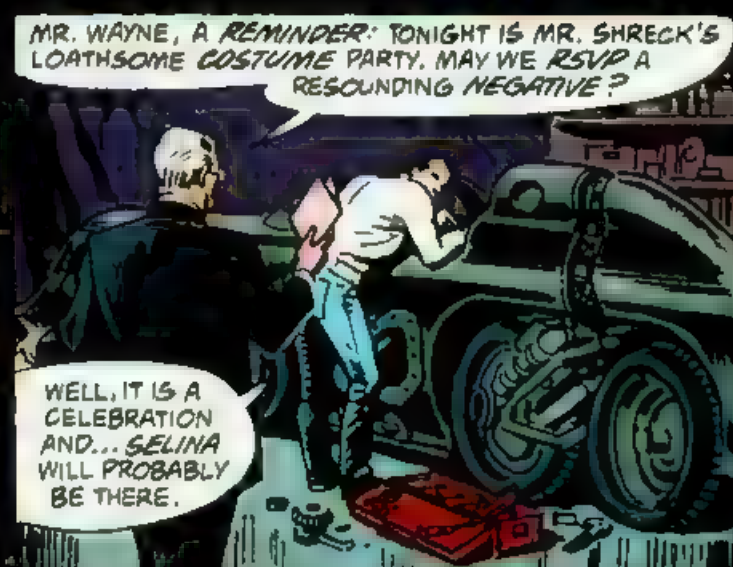
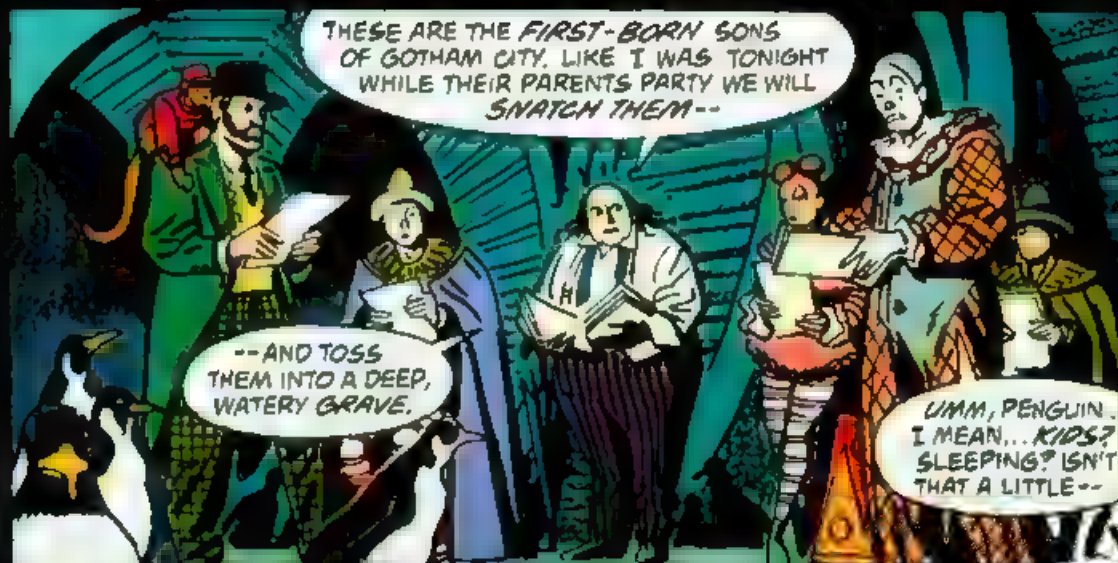
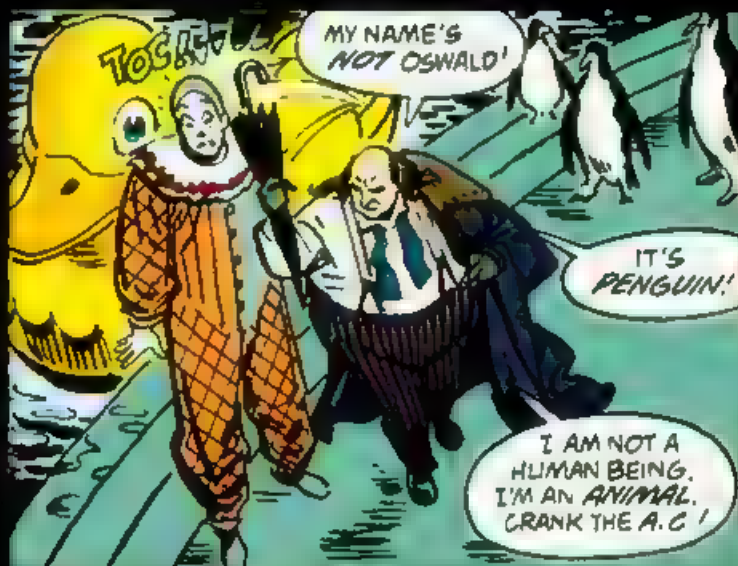
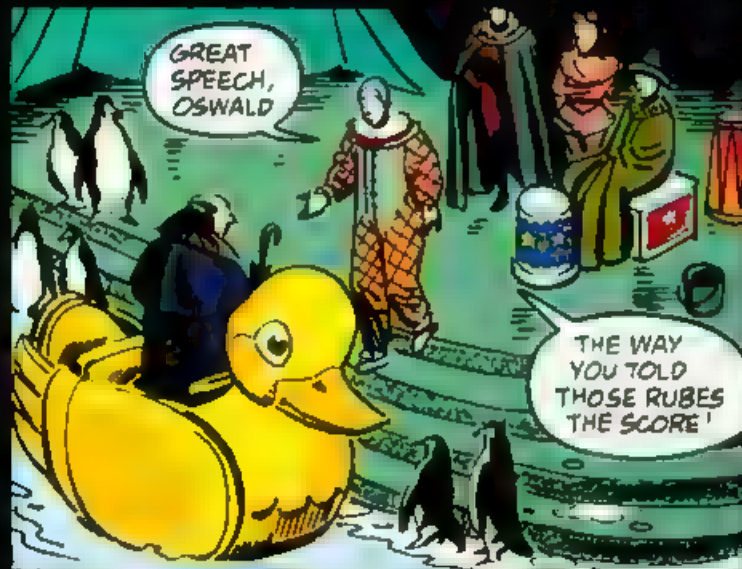
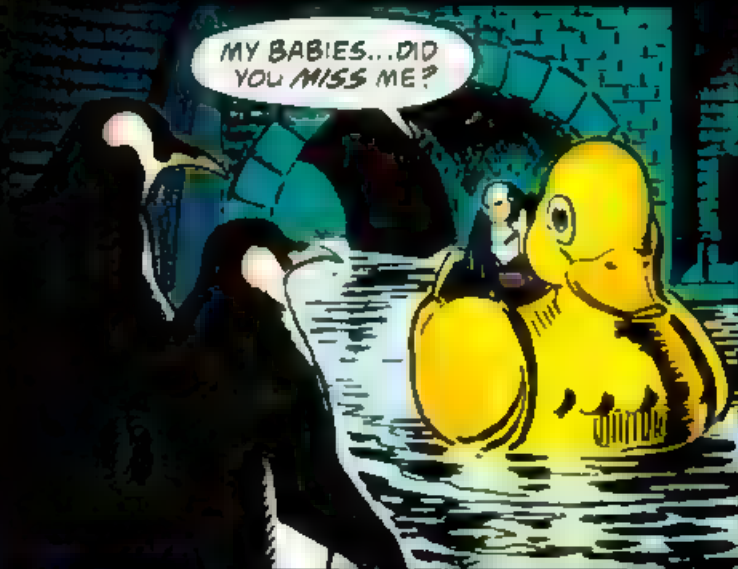
--THE SQUEALING,  
WRETCHED, PINHEAD  
PUPPETS OF GOTHAM.

WAIT A SEC--  
I DIDN'T  
SAY THAT!

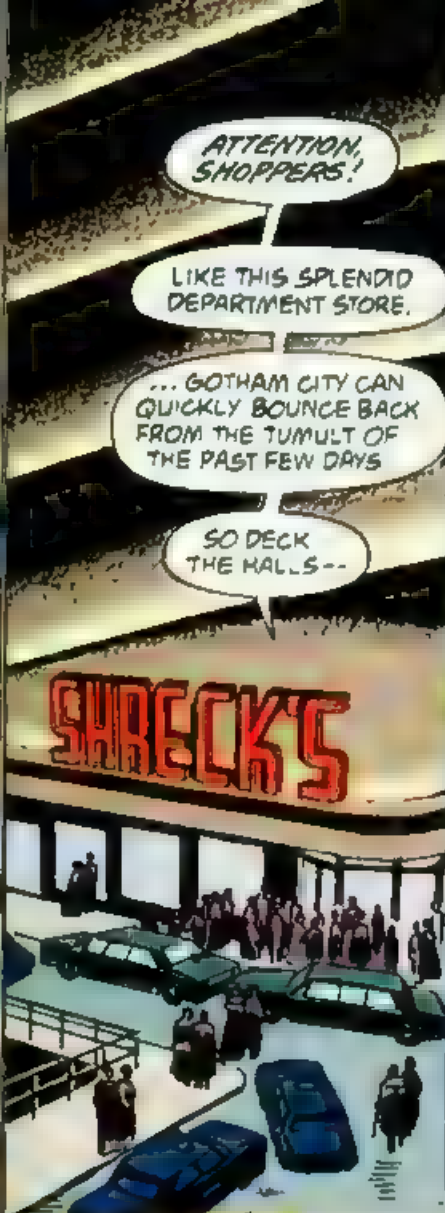












ATTENTION, SHOPPERS!

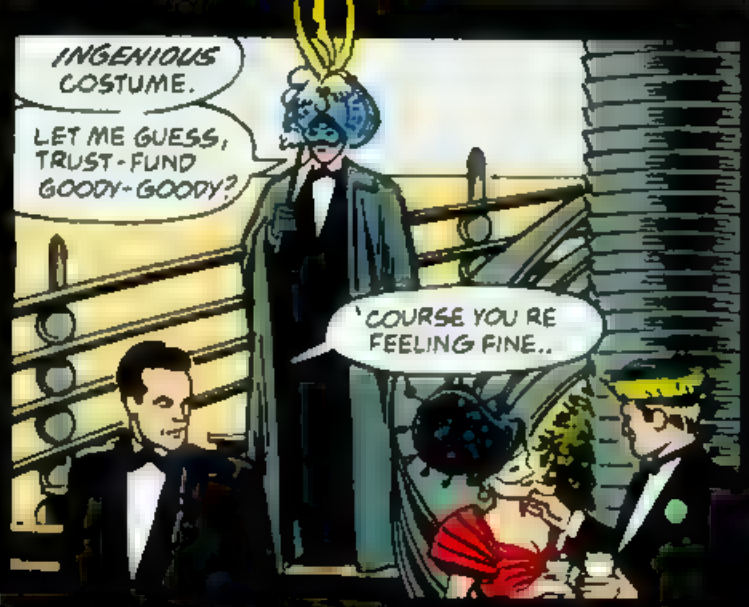
LIKE THIS SPLENDID DEPARTMENT STORE.

... GOTHAM CITY CAN QUICKLY BOUNCE BACK FROM THE TUMULT OF THE PAST FEW DAYS

SO DECK THE HALLS--



-- AND SHAKE YOUR BOOTIES!



INGENIOUS COSTUME.

LET ME GUESS, TRUST-FUND GOODY-GOODY?

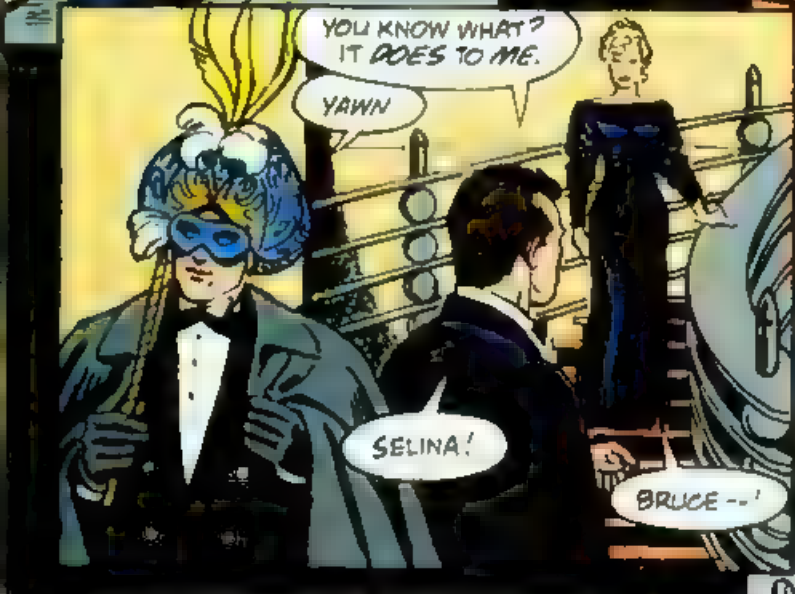
'COURSE YOU'RE FEELING FINE..



.. YOU ALMOST MADE A MONSTER THE MAYOR OF GOTHAM.

I AM THE LIGHT OF THIS CITY. AND I AM ITS MEAN, TWISTED SOUL.

DOES IT REALLY MATTER WHO'S MAYOR?!



YOU KNOW WHAT? IT DOES TO ME.

YAWN

SELINA!

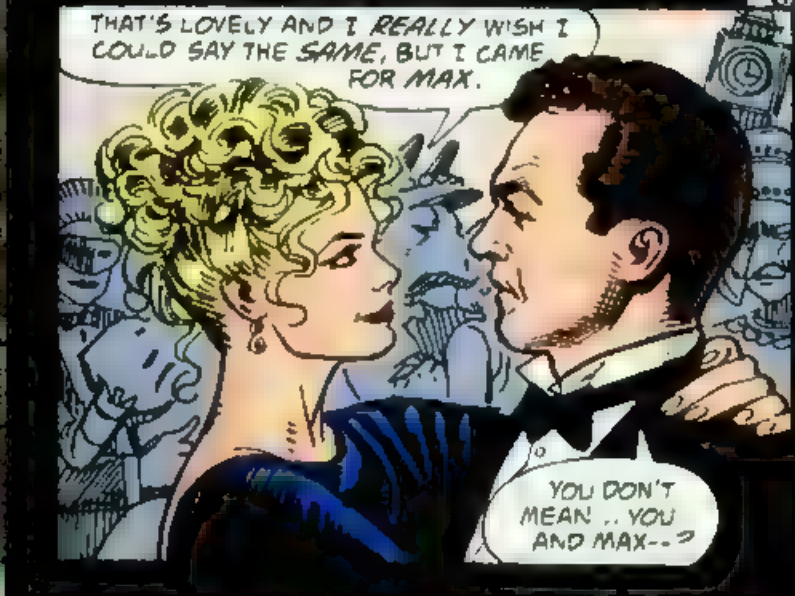
BRUCE--!



SO WHY'D YOU COME TONIGHT?

YOU FIRST.

TO SEE YOU.



THAT'S LOVELY AND I REALLY WISH I COULD SAY THE SAME, BUT I CAME FOR MAX.

YOU DON'T MEAN .. YOU AND MAX--?



THIS AND MAX

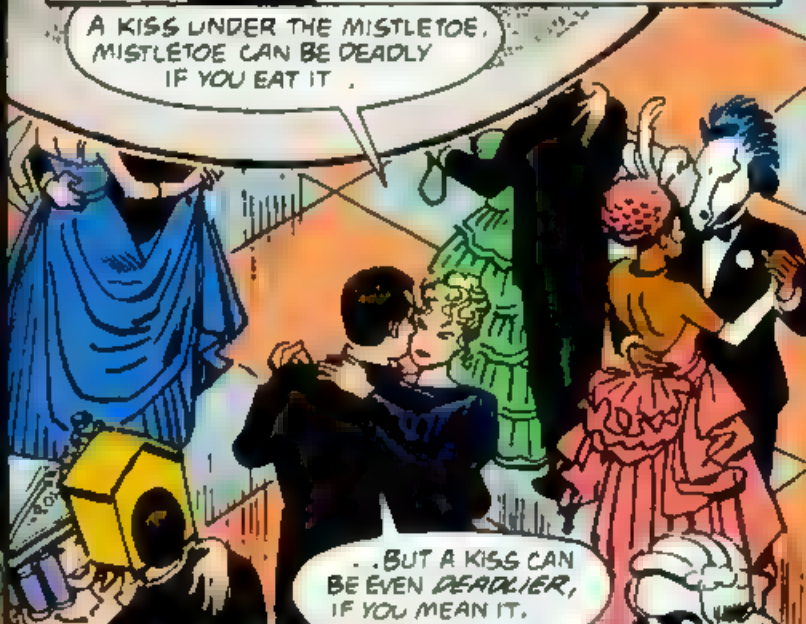


DON'T GIVE ME A KILLING - MAX - WON'T -  
SOLVE - ANYTHING SPEECH, BECAUSE  
IT WILL.



AREN'T YOU TIRED OF  
THAT SANCTIMONIOUS ROBBER  
BARON COMING OUT ON TOP? WHEN  
HE SHOULD BE SIX FEET UNDER?

A KISS UNDER THE MISTLETOE,  
MISTLETOE CAN BE DEADLY  
IF YOU EAT IT.



...BUT A KISS CAN  
BE EVEN DEADLIER,  
IF YOU MEAN IT.

THE BURN I  
GAVE YOU.

THE PUNCTURE  
WOUNDS I GAVE  
YOU.

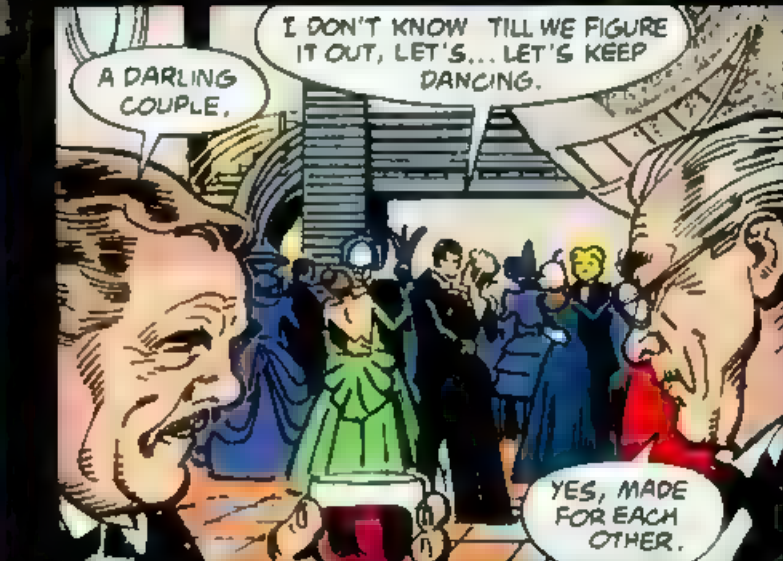
OH, GOD, DOES  
THIS MEAN WE HAVE  
TO START FIGHTING  
NOW?

WHAT DO WE  
DO NOW?

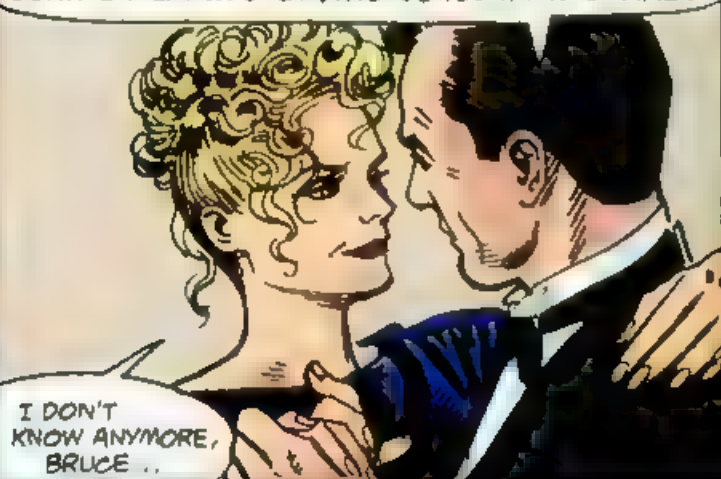
I DON'T KNOW TILL WE FIGURE  
IT OUT, LET'S... LET'S KEEP  
DANCING.

A DARLING  
COUPLE.

YES, MADE  
FOR EACH  
OTHER.



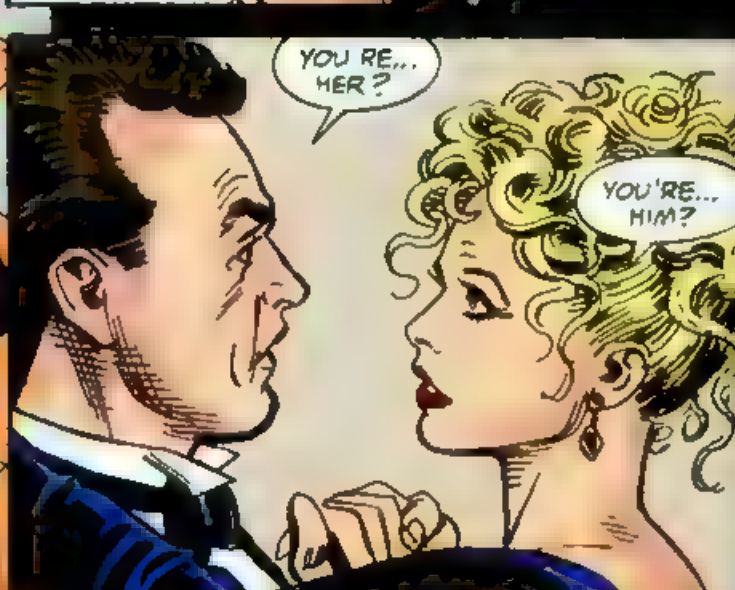
HEY LOOK, I'M SURE YOU HAVE PLENTY OF REASONS  
TO HATE YOUR BOSS, BUT YOU'RE NOT JUDGE OR  
JURY. I MEAN... JUST WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?



I DON'T  
KNOW ANYMORE,  
BRUCE ..

YOU'RE...  
HER?

YOU'RE...  
HIM?



WHOOOM  
AAARGH

LOOK  
OUT!





WH-WHAT  
HAPPENED?

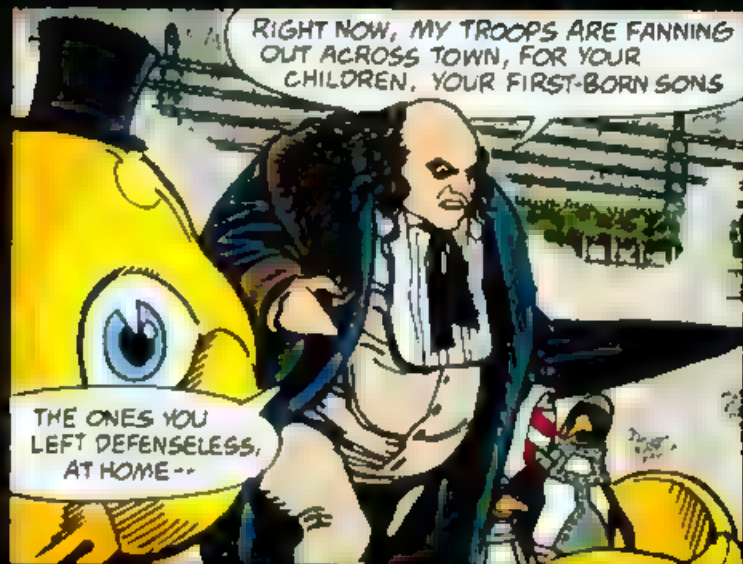
LOOK--  
THE FLOOR!



WHAT IS  
THAT?



YOU DIDN'T  
INVITE ME, SO  
I CRASHED.



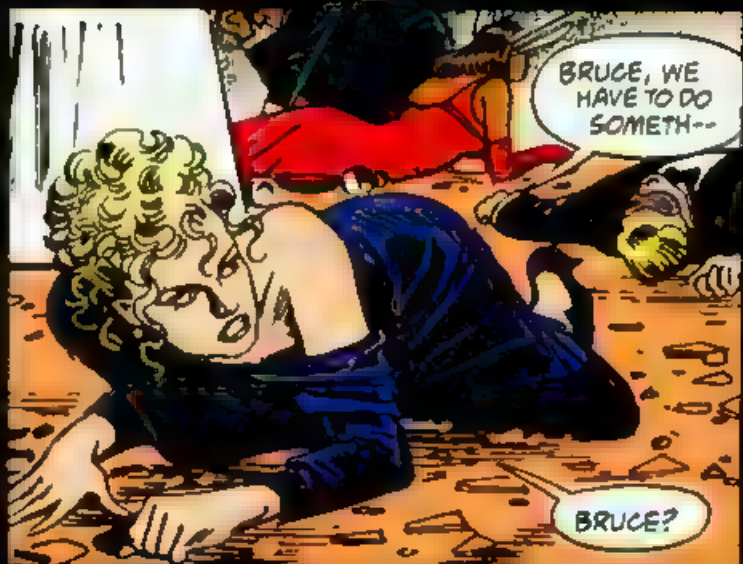
RIGHT NOW, MY TROOPS ARE FANNING  
OUT ACROSS TOWN, FOR YOUR  
CHILDREN, YOUR FIRST-BORN SONS

THE ONES YOU  
LEFT DEFENSELESS,  
AT HOME--



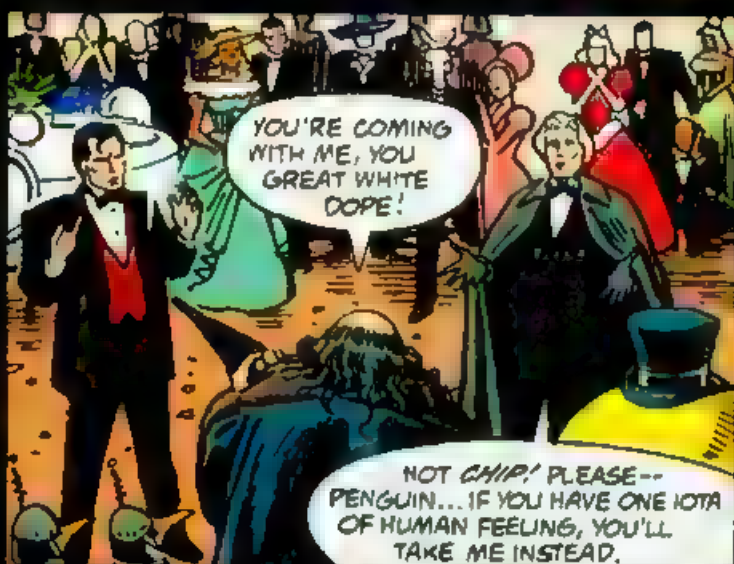
-- SO YOU COULD DRESS UP LIKE  
JERKS, GET JUICED, DANCE  
BADLY...

I'VE PERSONALLY  
COME FOR GOTHAM'S  
FAVORITE SON...MR.  
CHIP SHRECK!



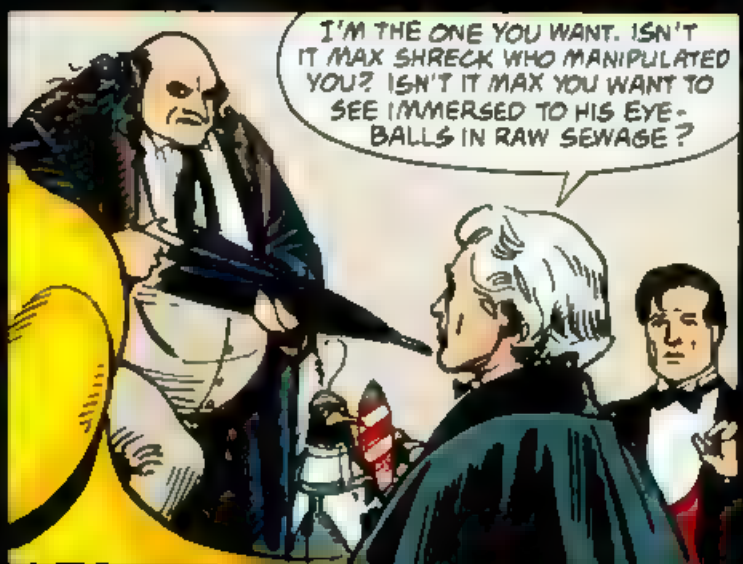
BRUCE, WE  
HAVE TO DO  
SOMETH--

BRUCE?



YOU'RE COMING  
WITH ME, YOU  
GREAT WHITE  
DOPE!

NOT CHIP! PLEASE--  
PENGUIN... IF YOU HAVE ONE KITA  
OF HUMAN FEELING, YOU'LL  
TAKE ME INSTEAD.



I'M THE ONE YOU WANT. ISN'T  
IT MAX SHRECK WHO MANIPULATED  
YOU? ISN'T IT MAX YOU WANT TO  
SEE IMMERSUED TO HIS EYE-  
BALLS IN RAW SEWAGE?

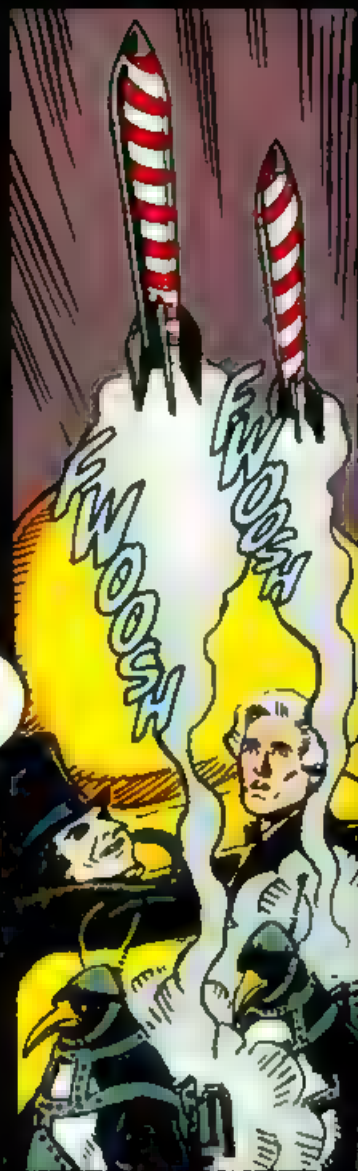


OKAY, YOU HAVE A POINT.  
PLUS THE HYSTERICS  
ARE GETTING ON MY  
NERVES.

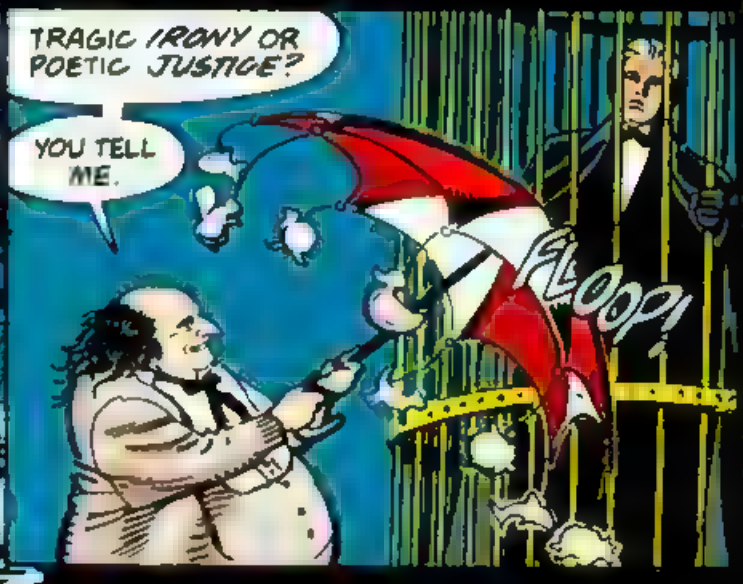
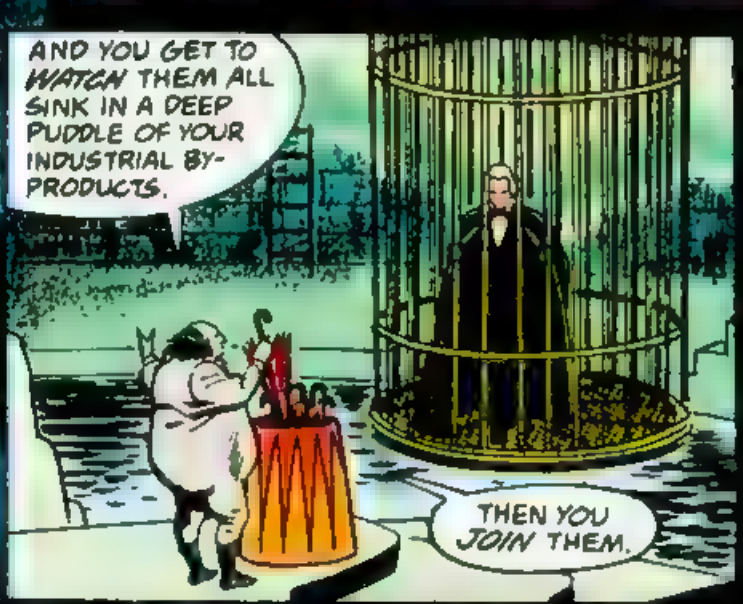
LET KNUTE ROCKNE  
LIVE.

FOR  
NOW

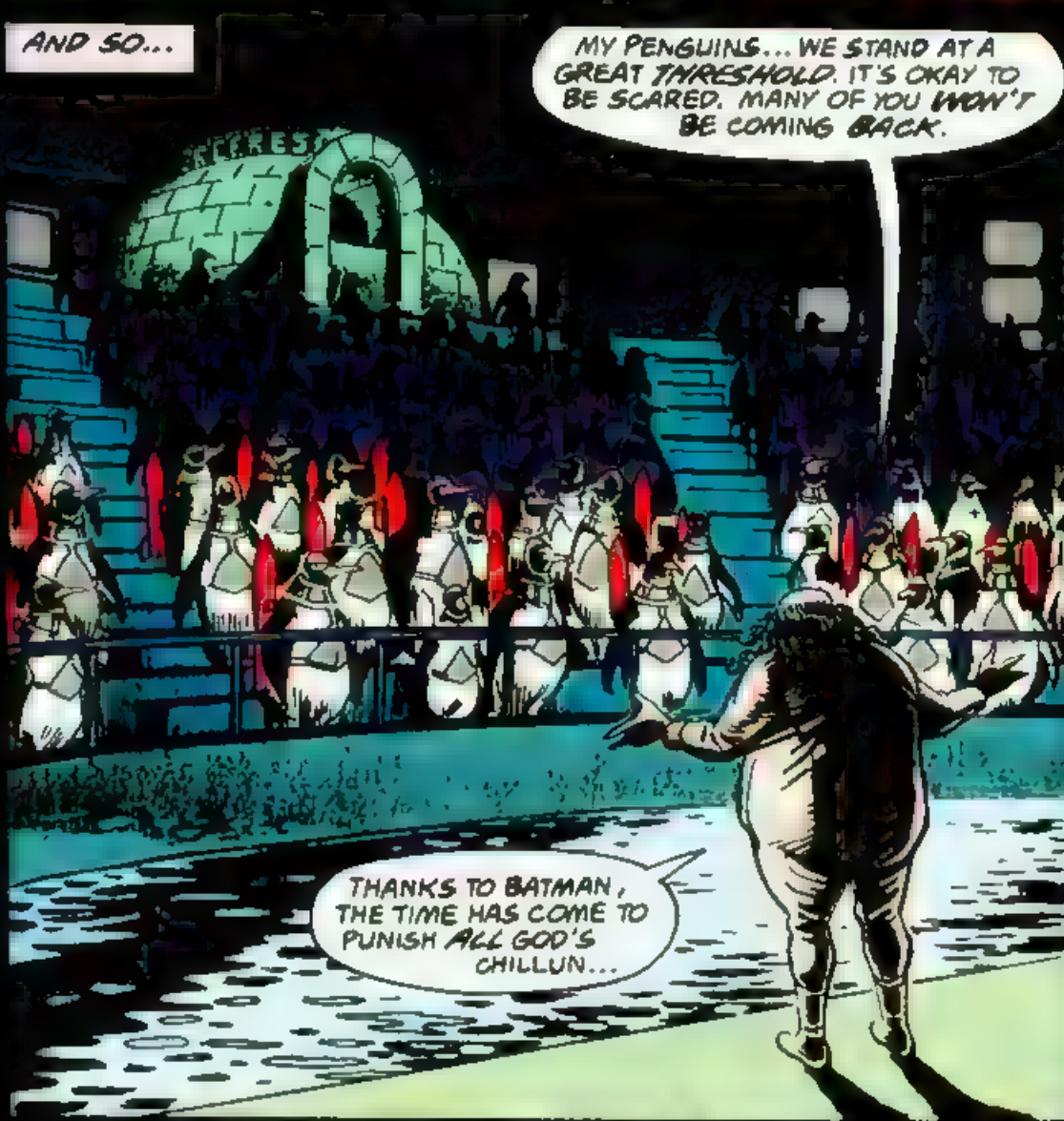
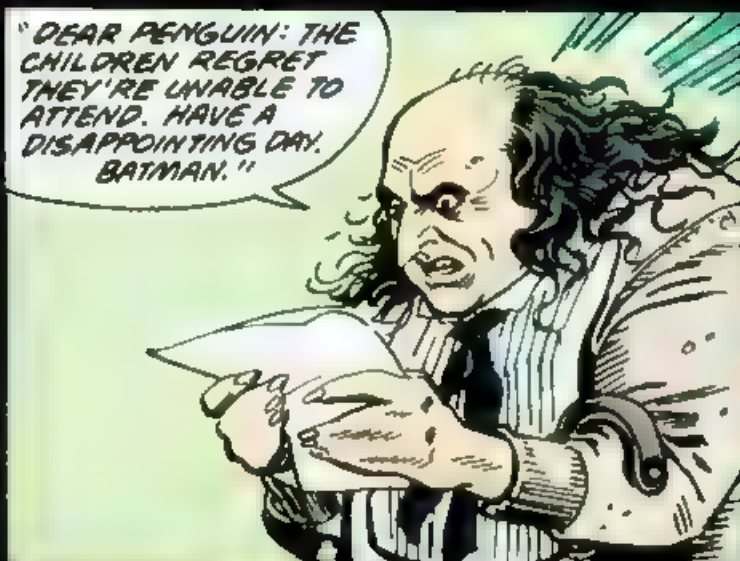
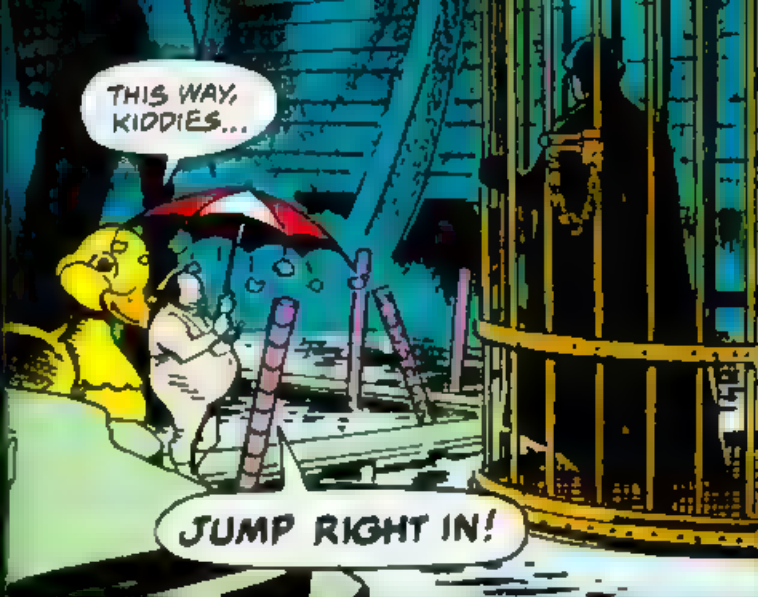




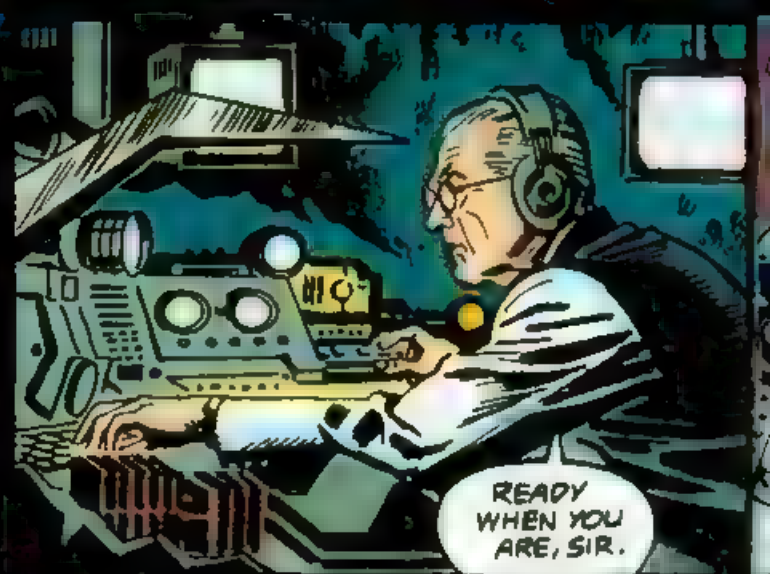
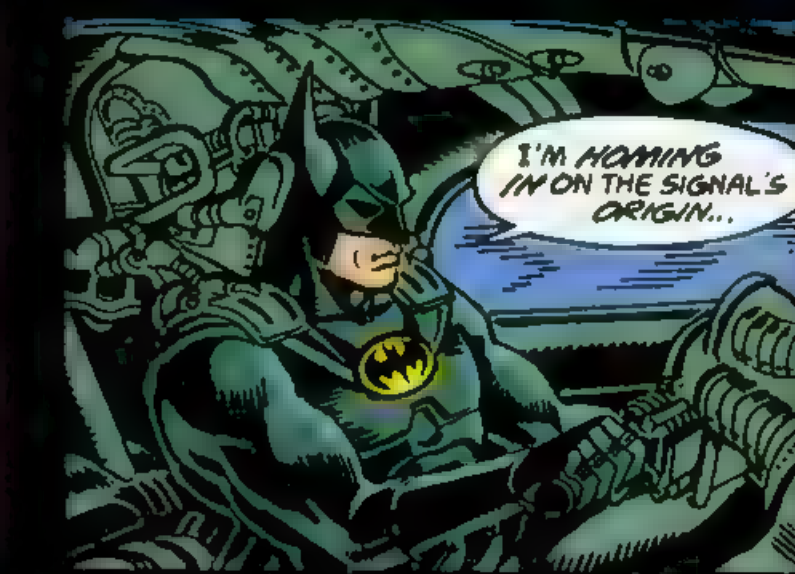




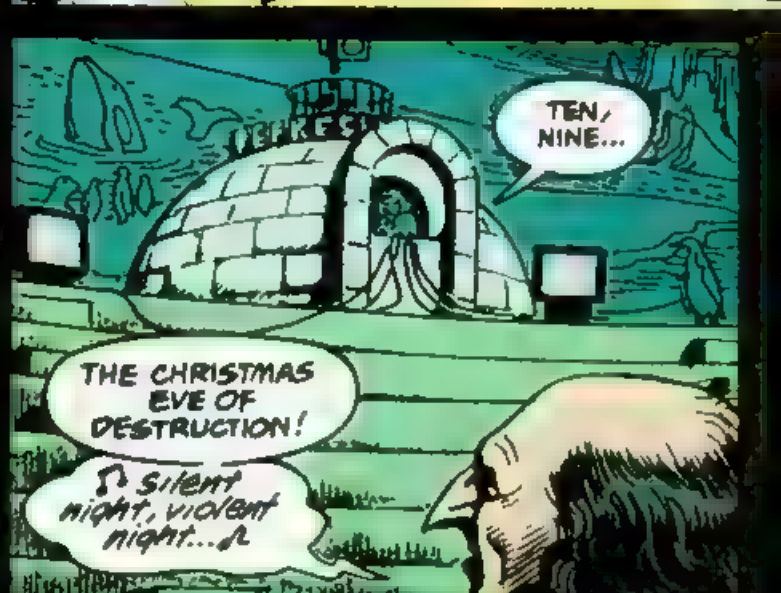
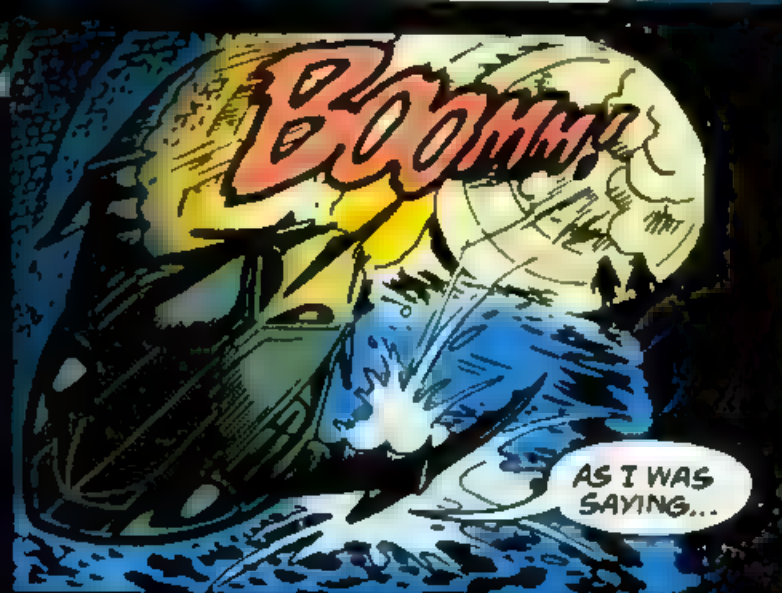
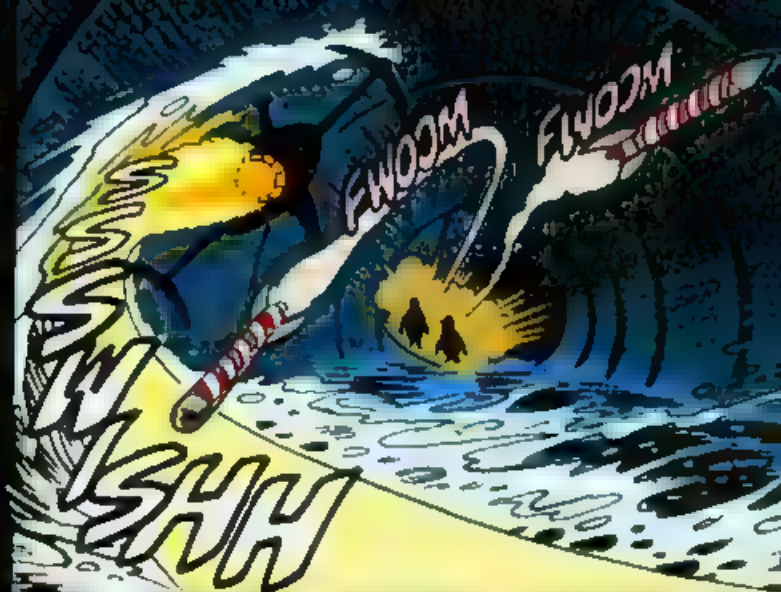




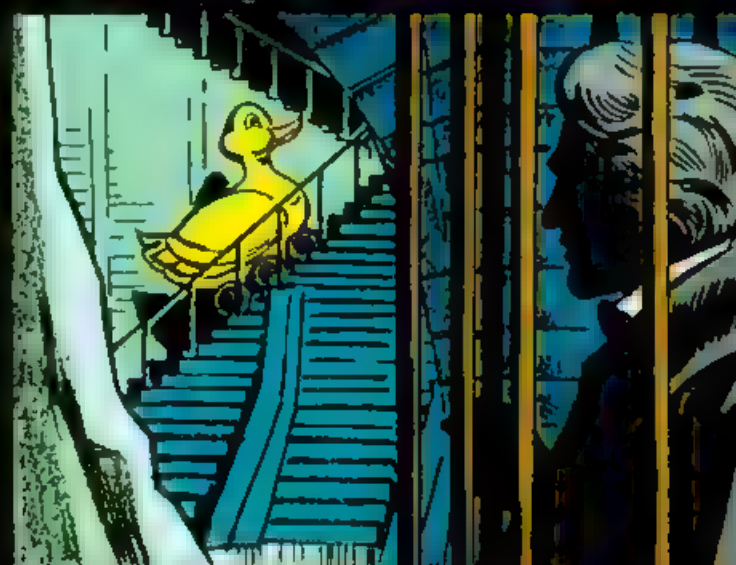
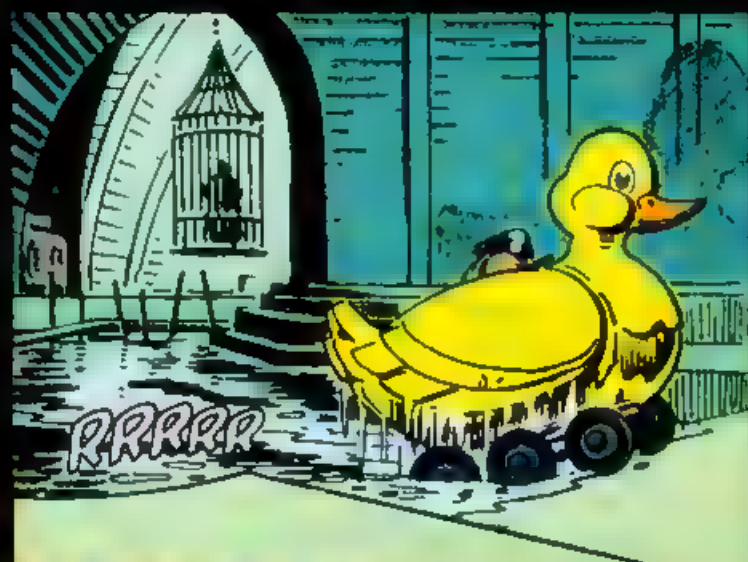
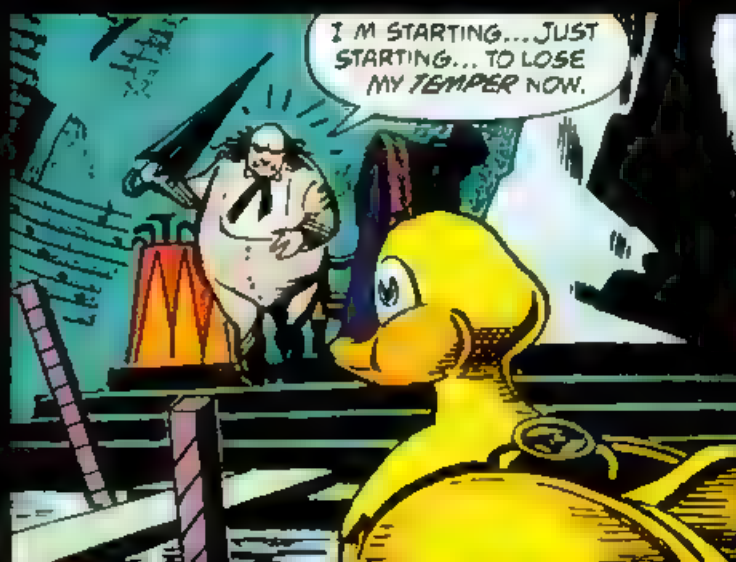
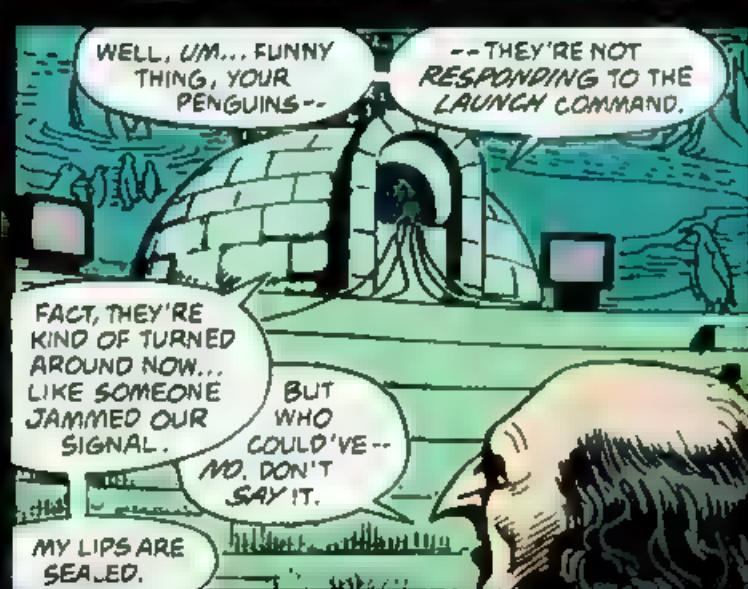
















JINGLE  
JINGLE



CHK! CHK! LITTLE  
MONKEY--LOOKY  
HERE.

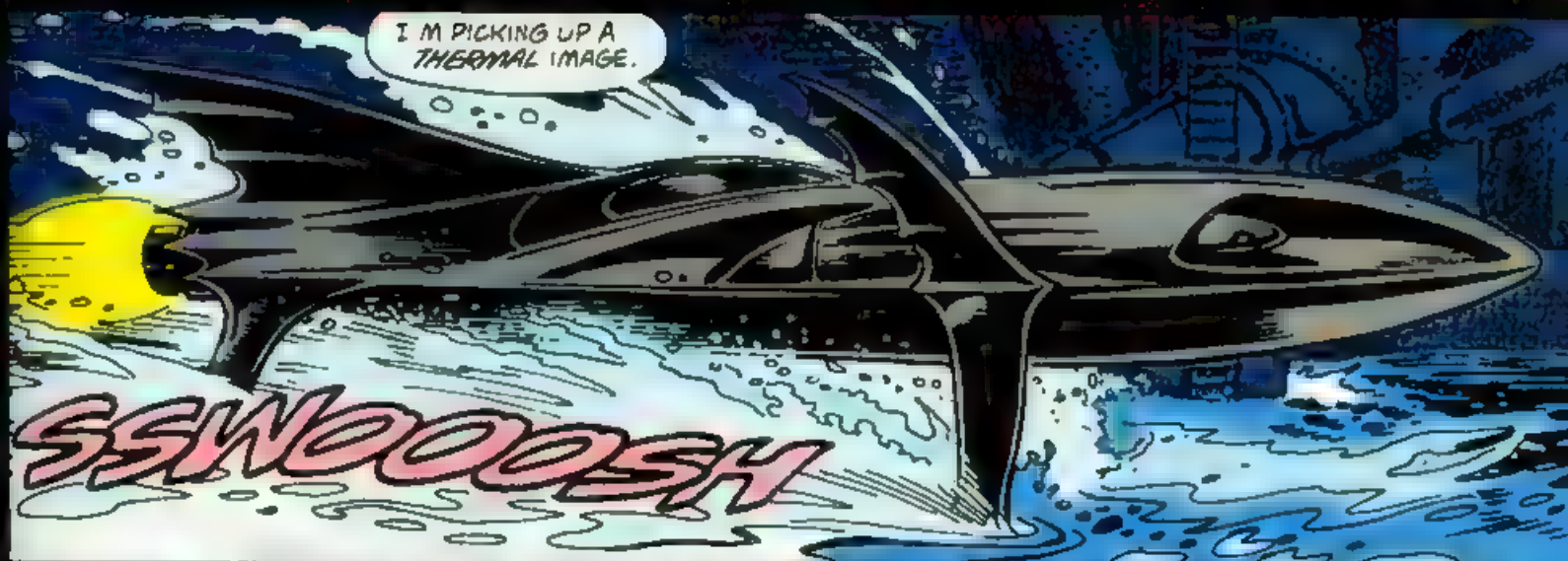


OOOK?

CHING  
CHING

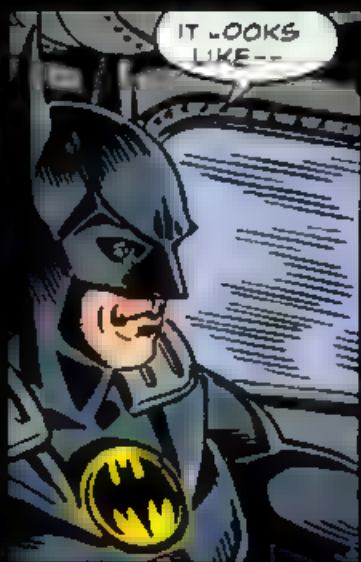


YES, YES. WANT  
TO TRADE...



I'M PICKING UP A  
THERMAL IMAGE.

SSWOOOSH



IT LOOKS  
LIKE--



A DUCK?



IT'S HIM. I'M  
HEADING TO  
THE SURFACE

WHISSSS



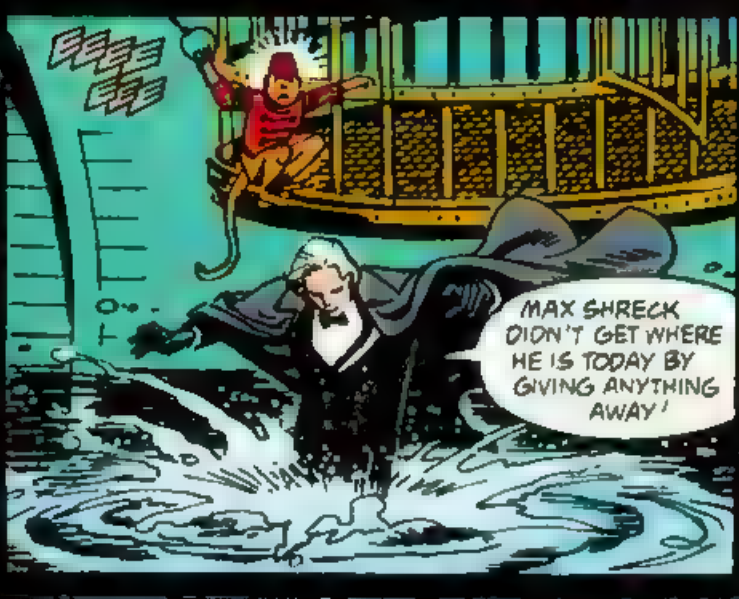
THANK  
YOU, YOU  
SCHMUCK!



OH, SHUT UP. YOU DIDN'T  
REALLY THINK I'D TRADE,  
DID YOU?

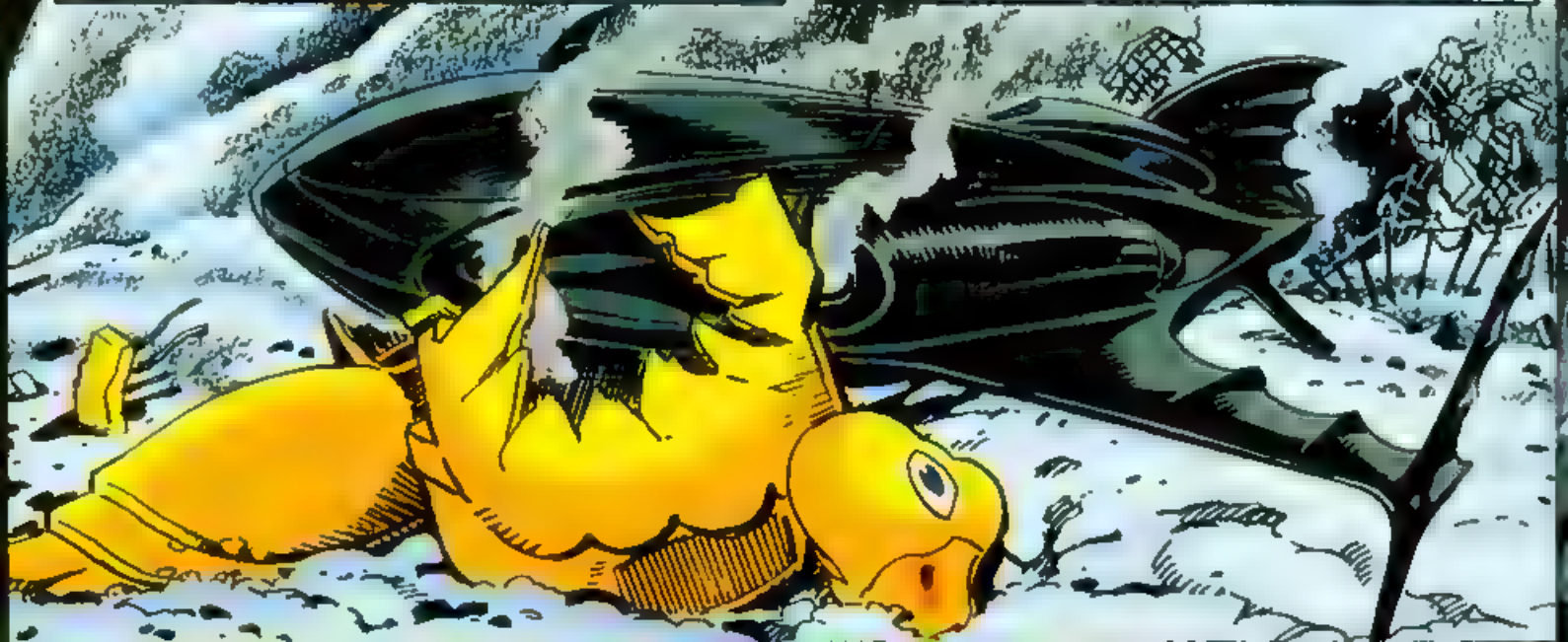
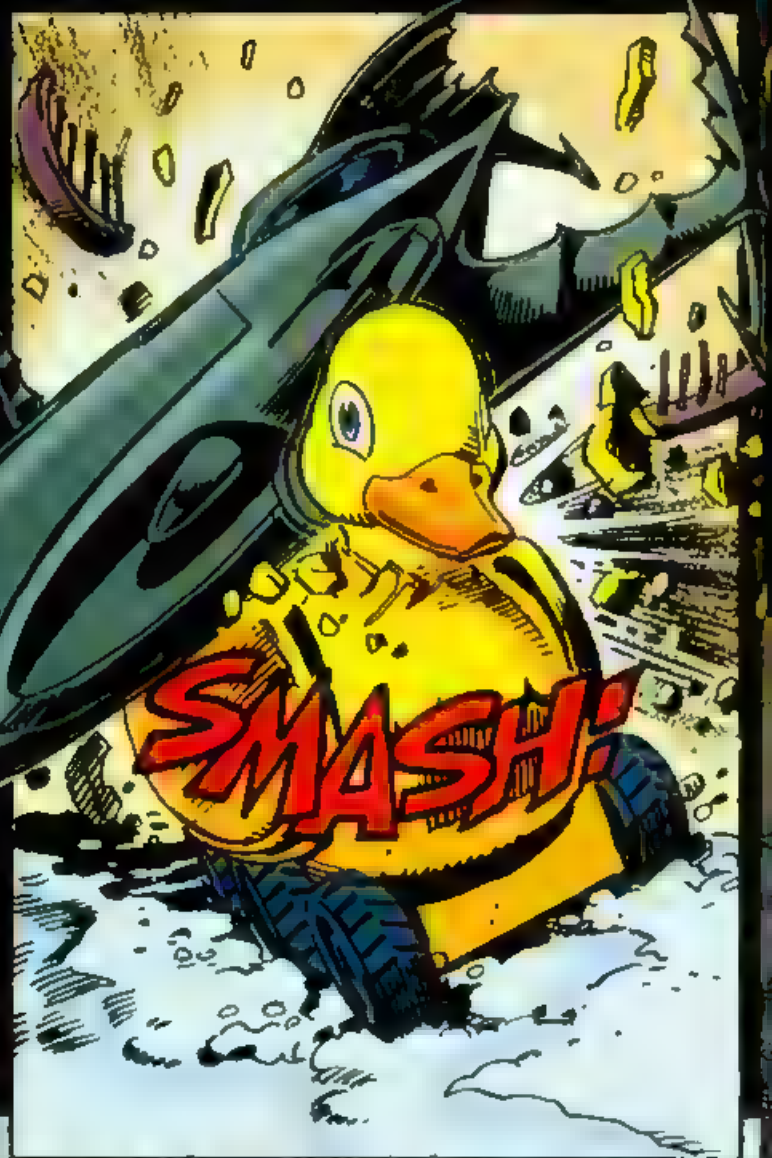
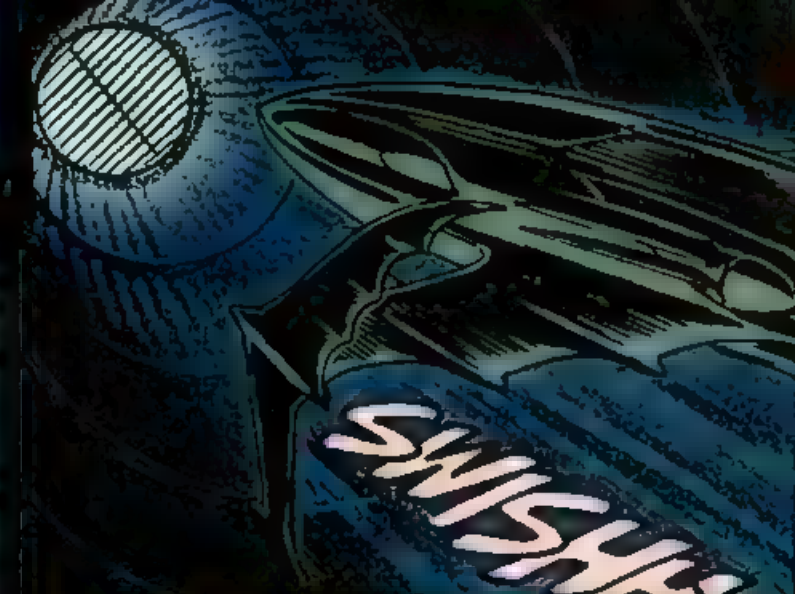
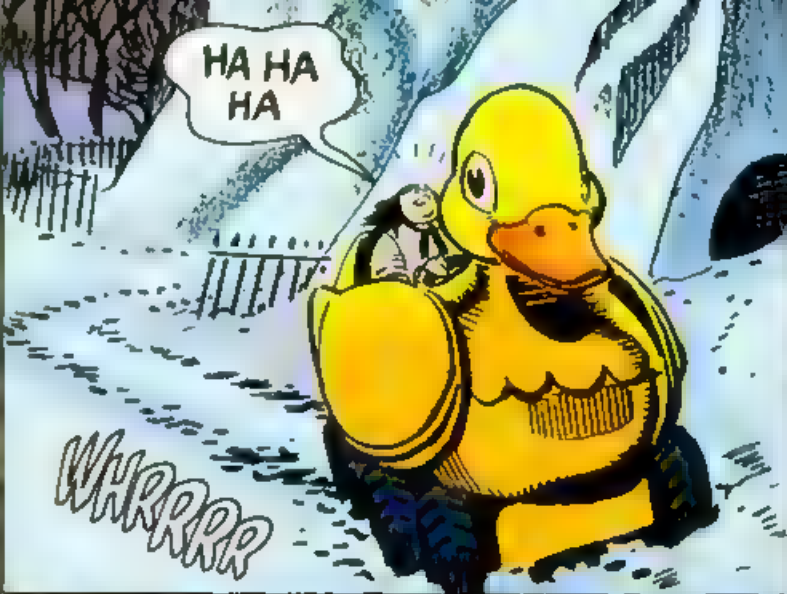
OOOOO  
OOOOO

CLAK!

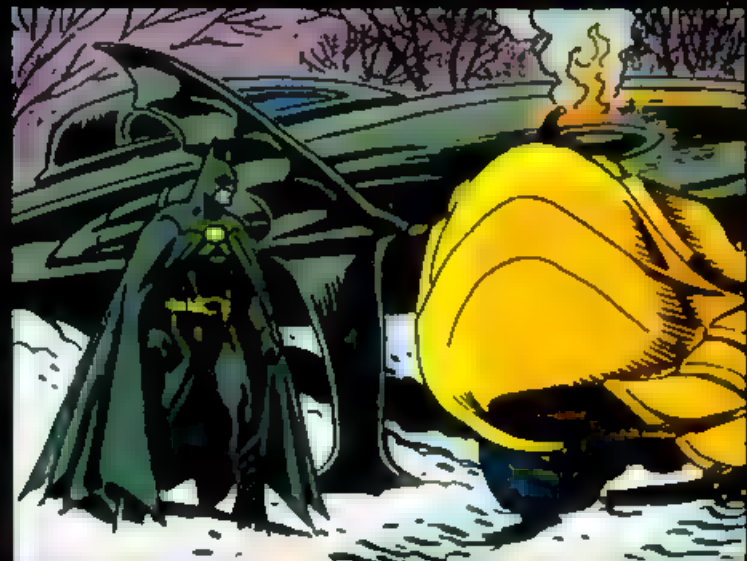
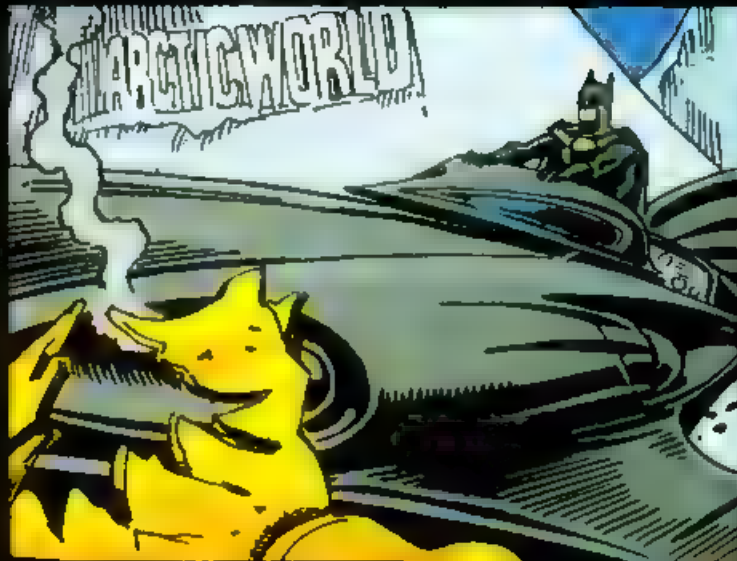


MAX SHRECK  
DIDN'T GET WHERE  
HE IS TODAY BY  
GIVING ANYTHING  
AWAY!











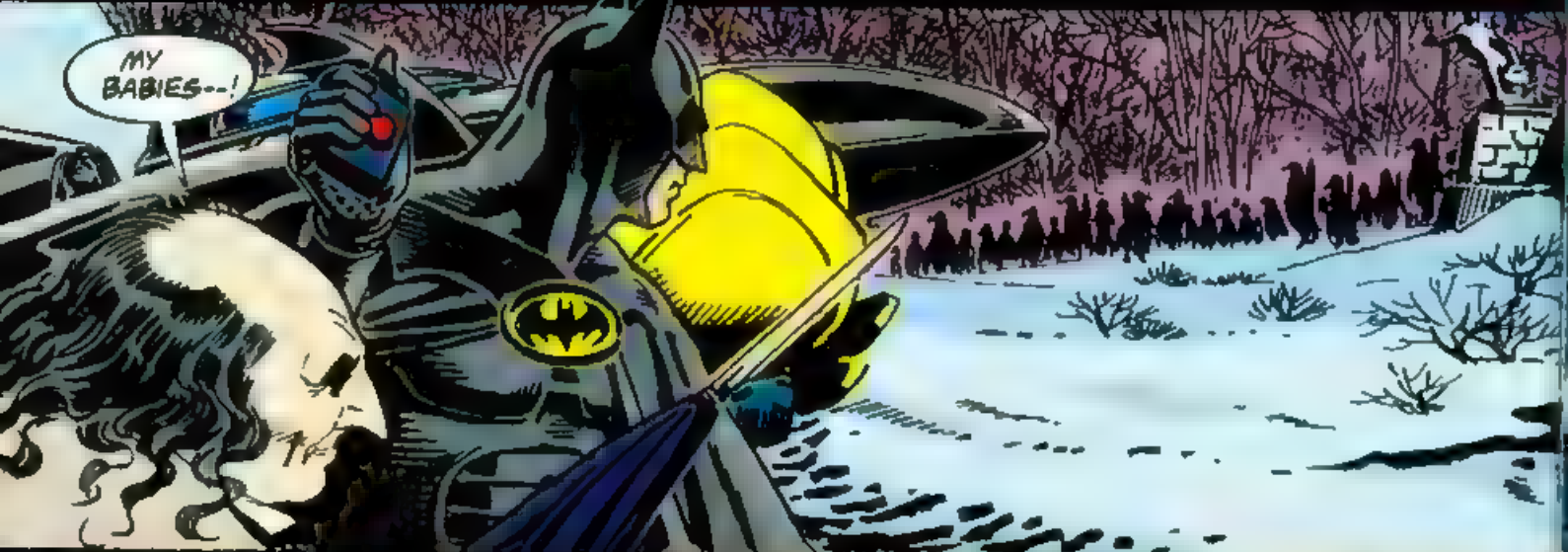
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT, BUT I KNOW I CAN GET IT FOR YOU. MONEY, JEWELS, A BIG BALL OF STRING...

I... I GAVE AT THE OFFICE.

YOUR BLOOD, MAX.

A HALF-PINT.

I'M TALKING GALLONS.



MY BABIES---

YOU DID THIS!

WHOOOPS

SLAP

I'LL TAKE THAT, IF YOU DON'T MIND.

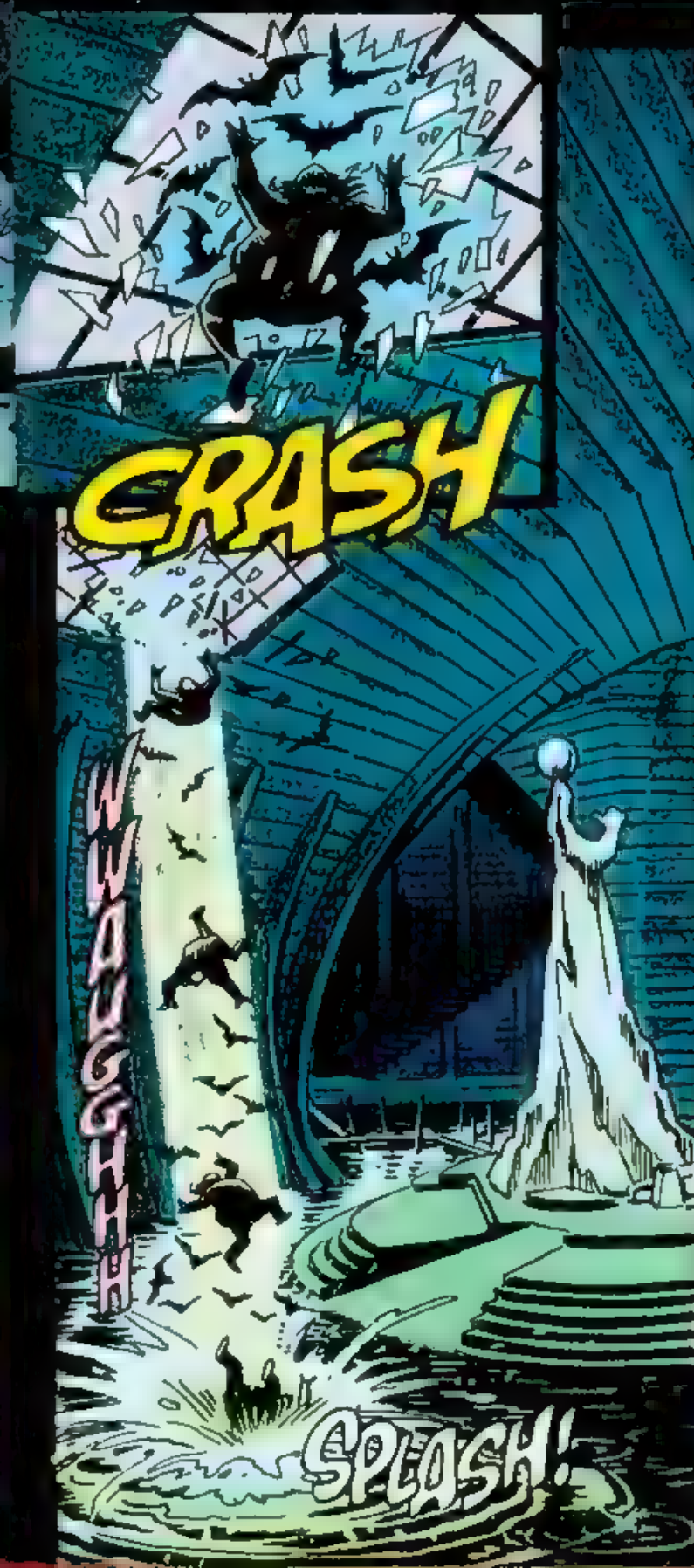


SO WHAT DOES THIS DO?

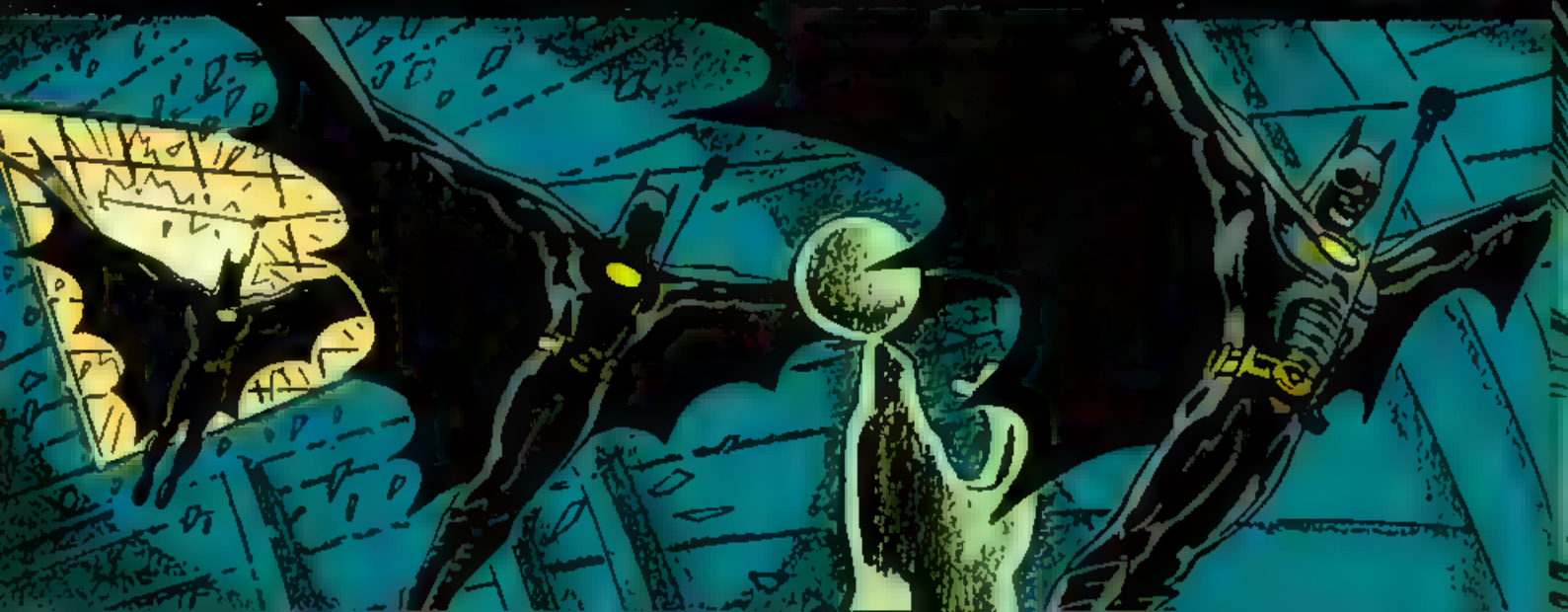
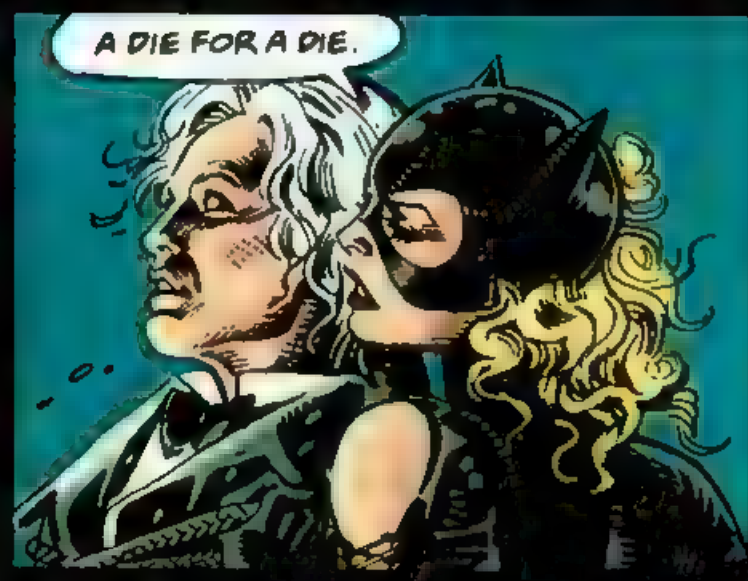
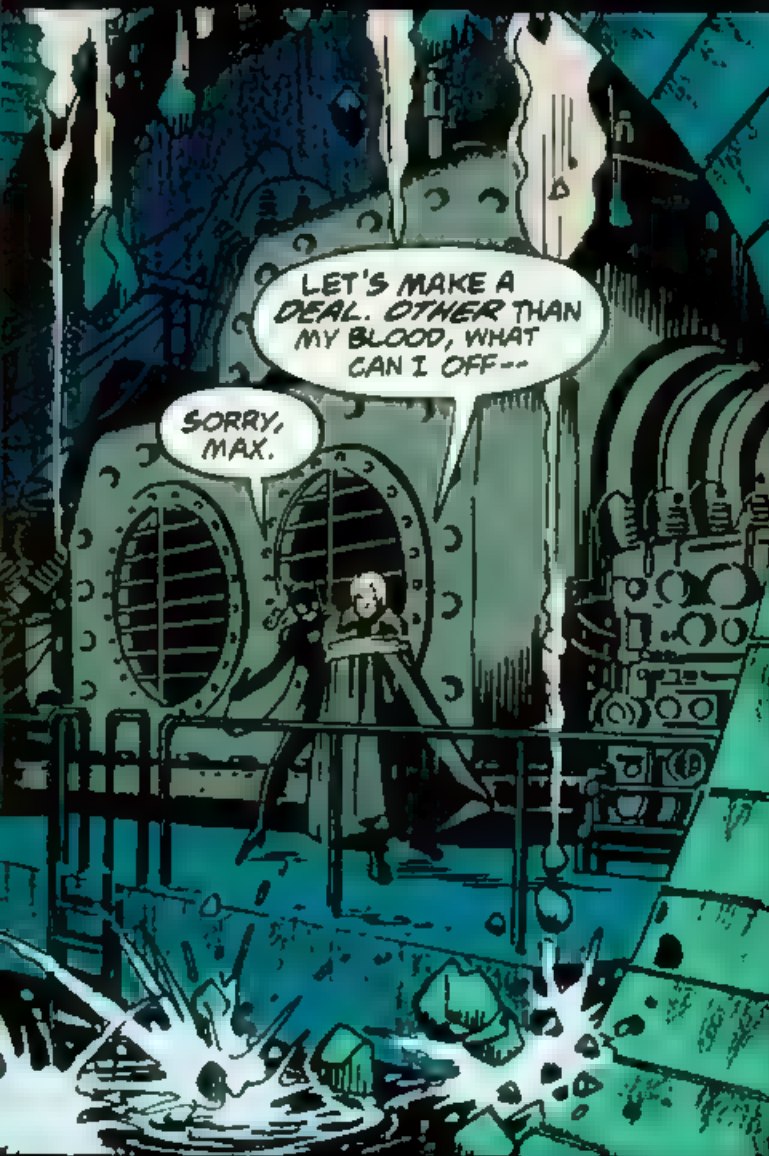
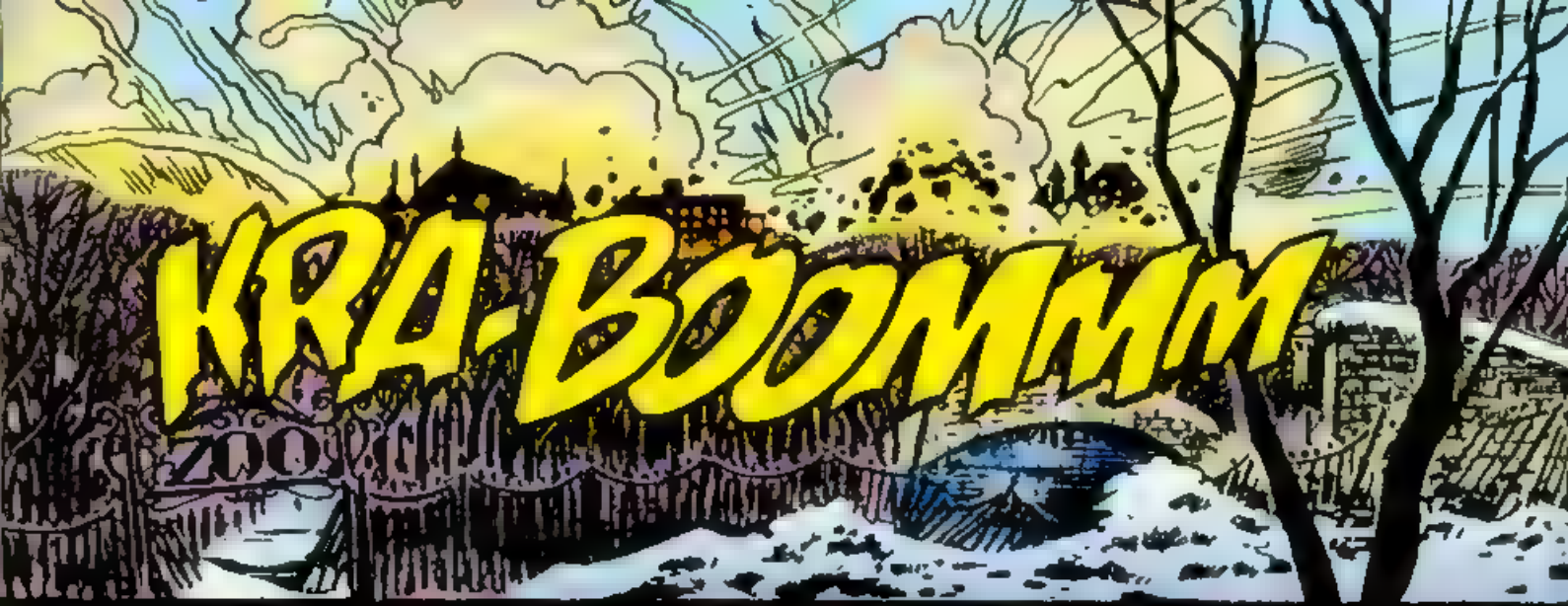


SHREE SHREE

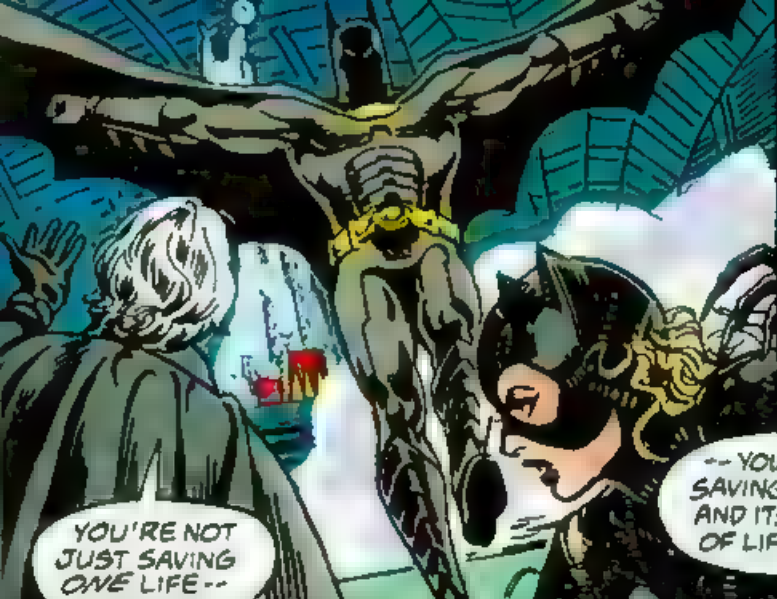




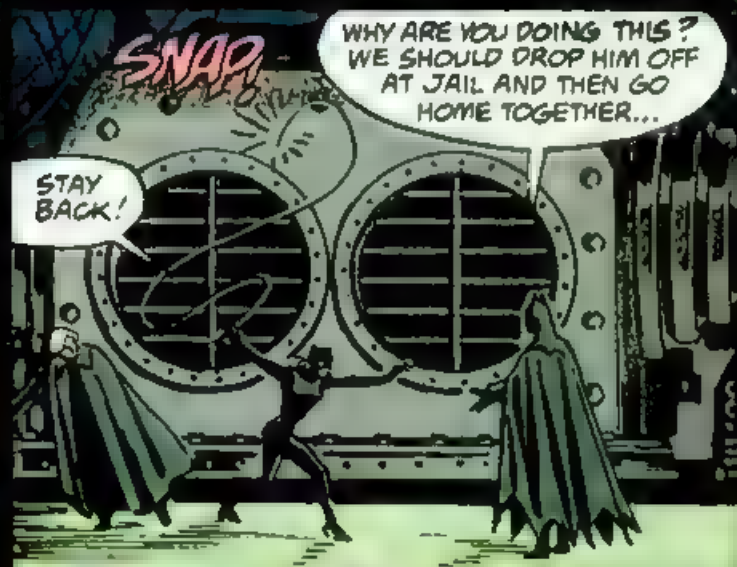
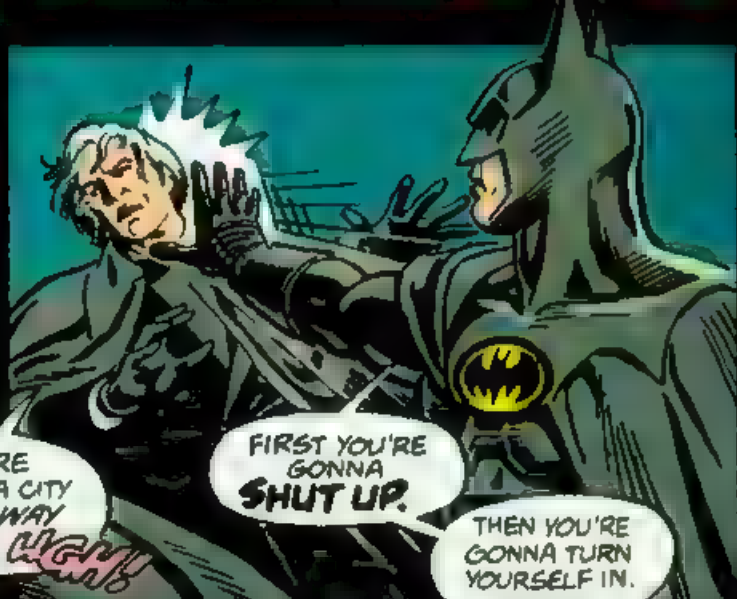








-- YOU'RE SAVING A CITY AND ITS WAY OF LIFE







SELINA KYLE?

YOU'RE FIRED!

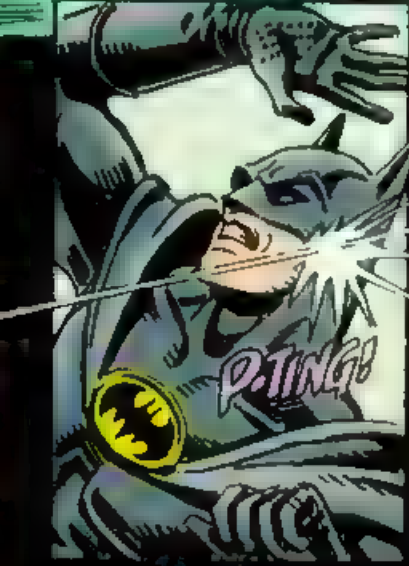
AND BRUCE? BRUCE WAYNE! BUT WHY ARE YOU DRESSED UP AS BATMAN?!

HE /S BATMAN, YOU MORON



WAS.

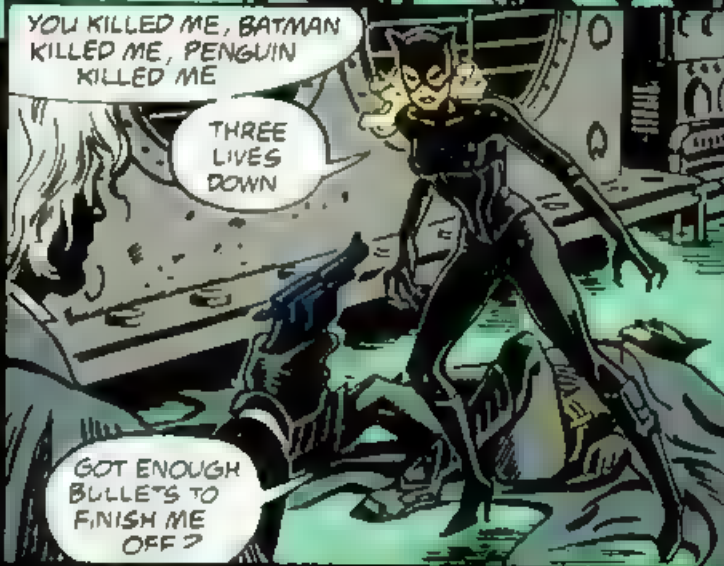
BLAM!



YOU KILLED ME, BATMAN KILLED ME, PENGUIN KILLED ME

THREE LIVES DOWN

GOT ENOUGH BULLETS TO FINISH ME OFF?



ONE WAY TO FIND OUT

BLAM!



UGH!

FOUR



BLAM!



NGH! FIVE...



STILL ALIVE.



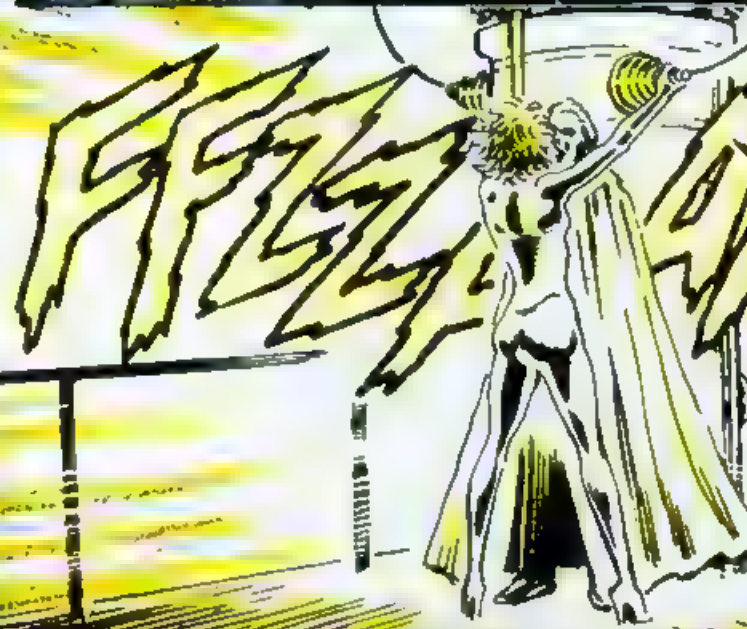
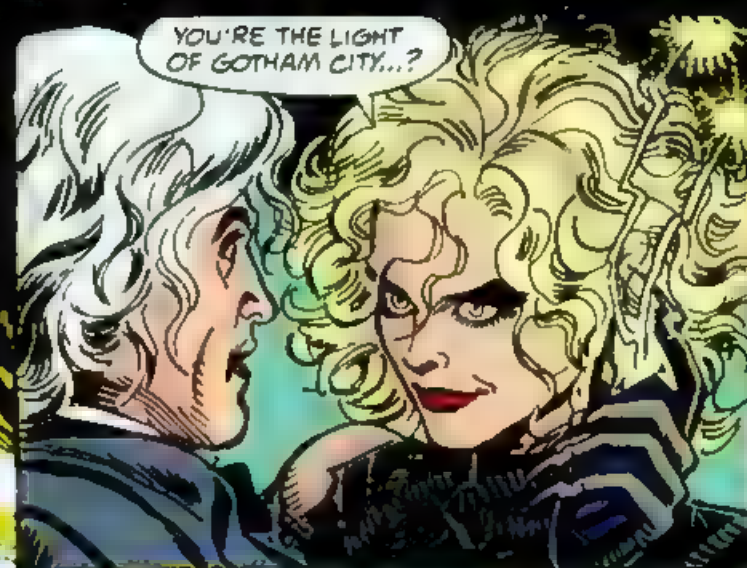
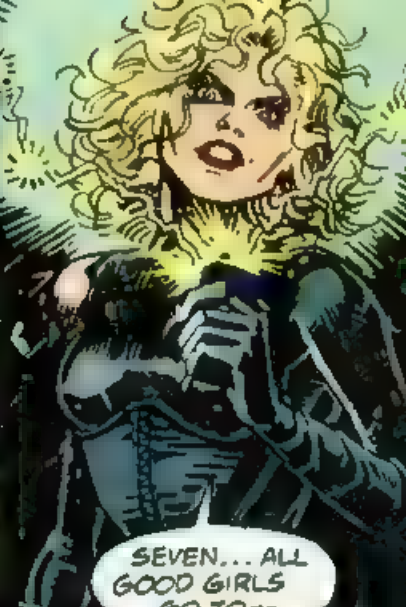
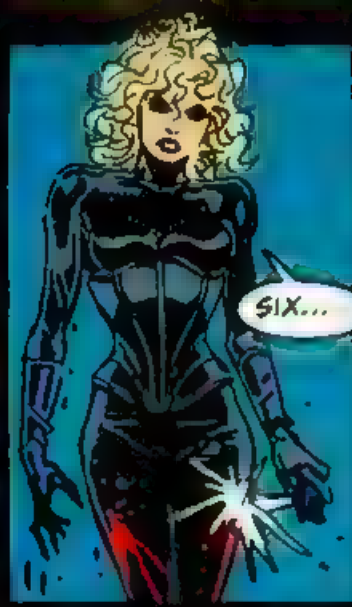
I'VE BEEN SAVING THIS FOR YOU, MAX I THINK YOU'LL GET A CHARGE OUT OF IT

SELINA--?



SELINA...STOP!





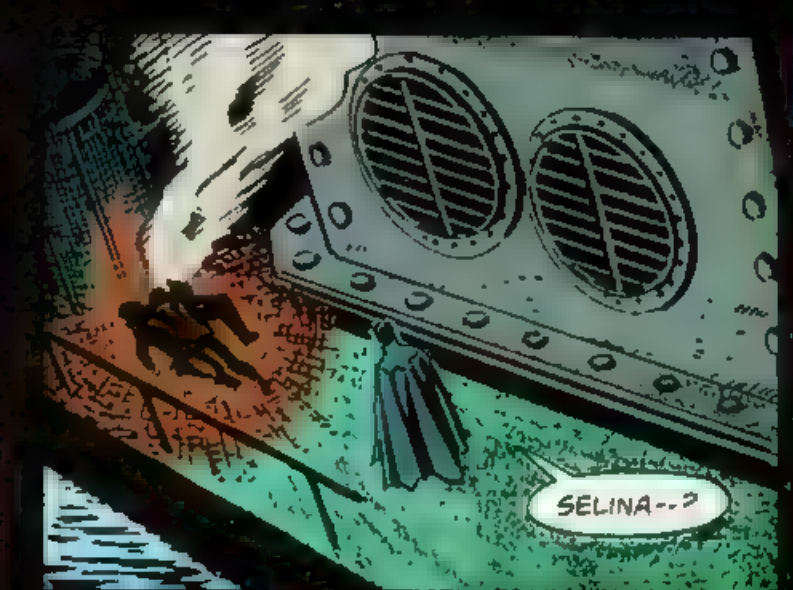




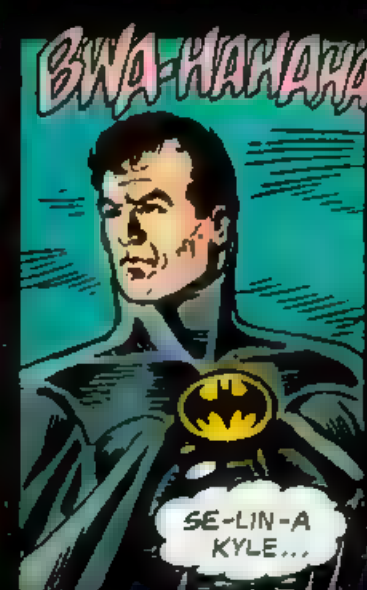
HEY! WHO TURNED  
OUT THE LIGHTS!

THE POWER'S  
OUT EVERYWHERE!

LOOK--  
OUTSIDE!

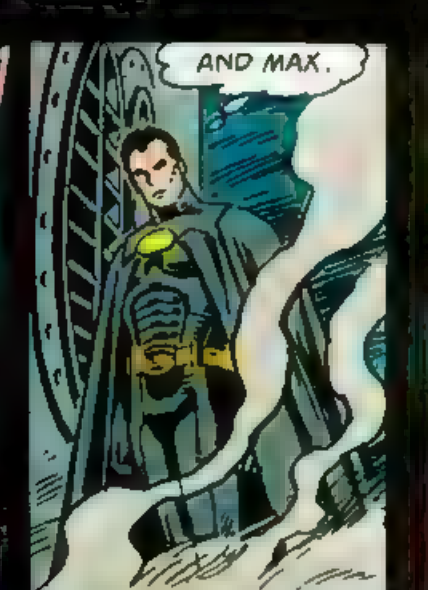


SELINA--?



BWA-HA-HA-HA

SE-LIN-A  
KYLE...



AND MAX.



BLOOP  
BLOOP

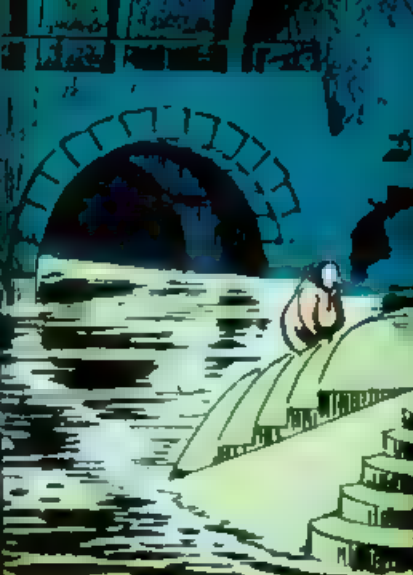


;- pant! :-



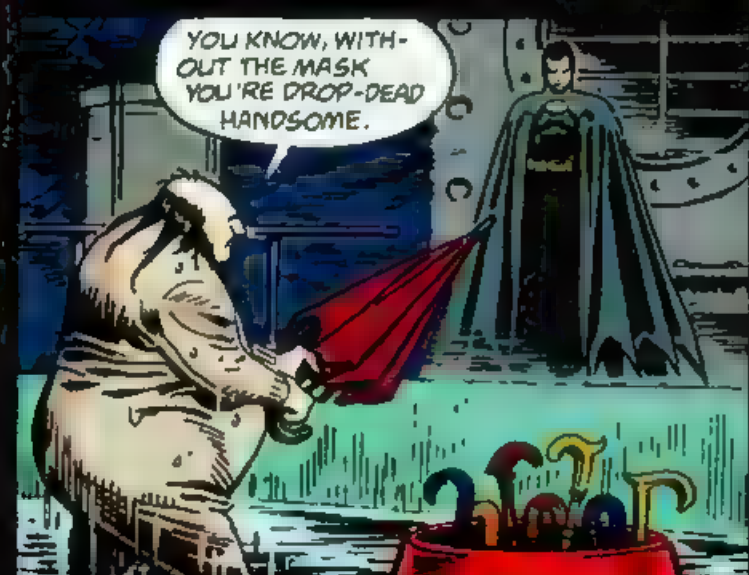
GOTTA  
CRANK THE  
A.C



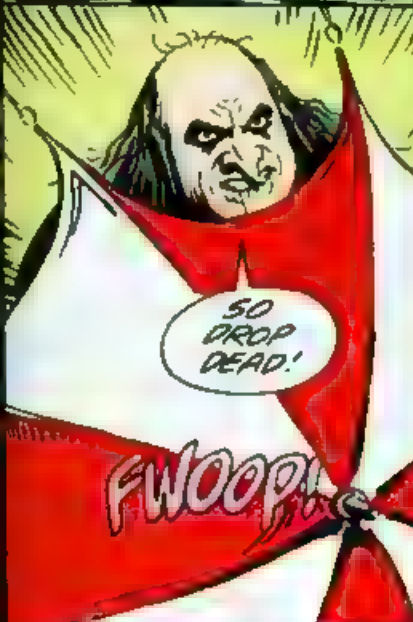


STUFFY  
IN HERE.

WHO--?



YOU KNOW, WITH-  
OUT THE MASK  
YOU'RE DROP-DEAD  
HANDSOME.



SO  
DROP  
DEAD!

**FWOOPI!**



DAMN, PICKED THE  
CUTE ONE.

HEAT'S GETTIN'  
TO ME.

HEY, YOU--  
YOU WOULDN'T BLOW  
AWAY AN ENDANGERED  
BIRD, WOULD YOU?



I'M OVERHEATED,  
IS ALL.

I'LL  
MURDER  
YOU--

--MOMENTARILY

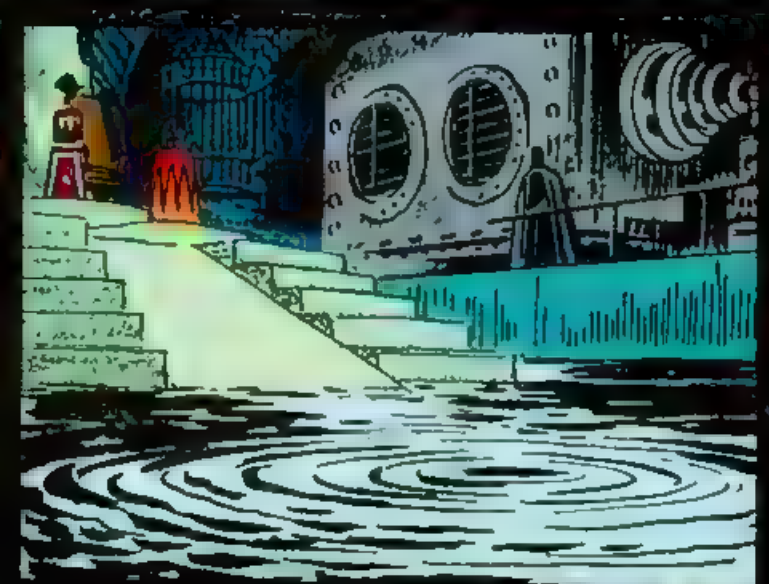
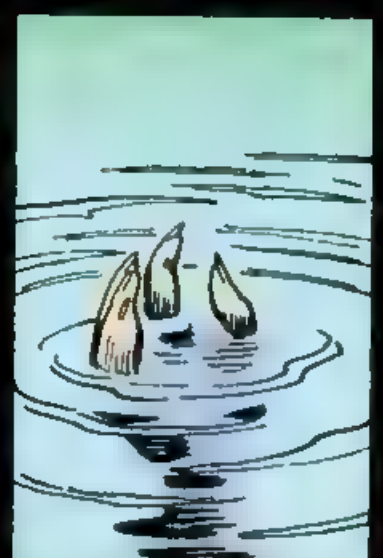
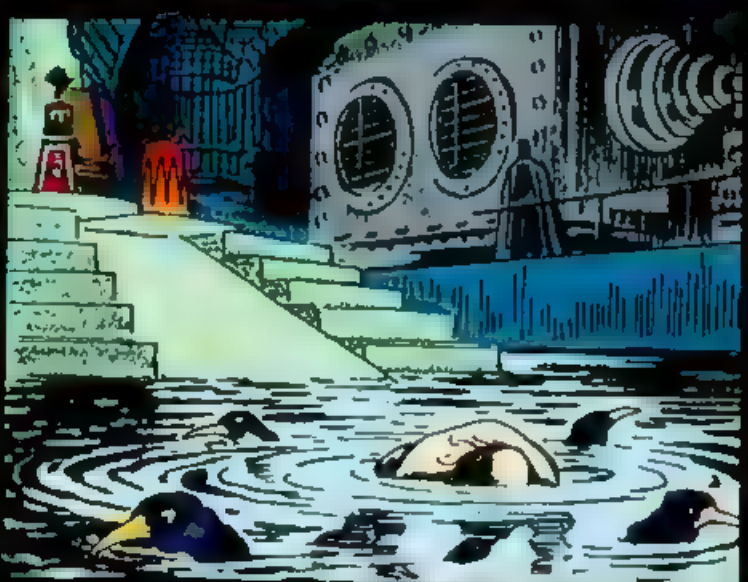
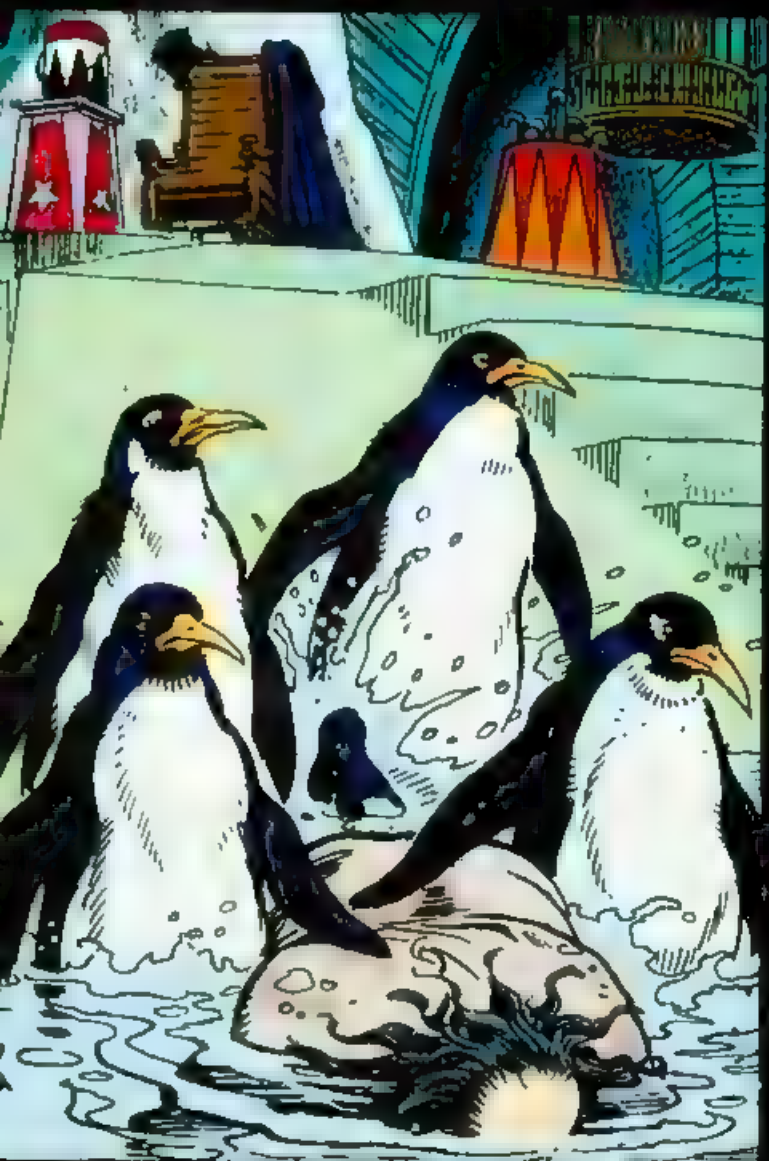


BUT  
FIRST.. A  
COOL  
DRINK.

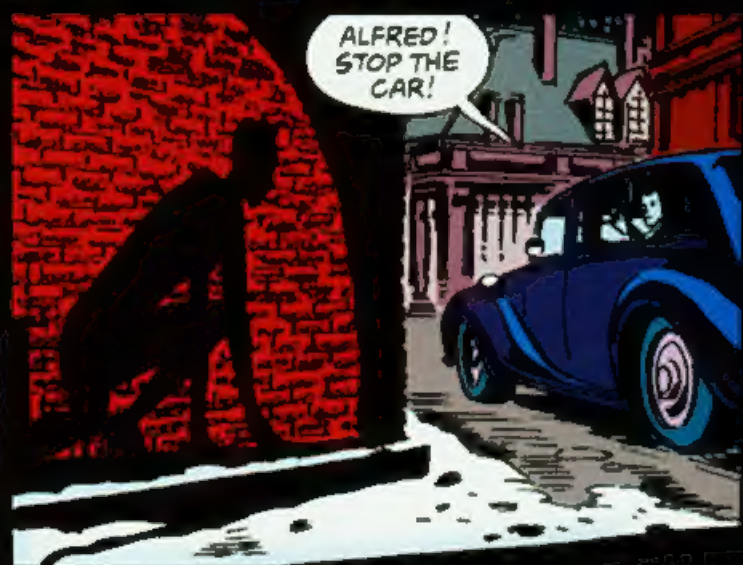


.. OF ICE  
WATER ..

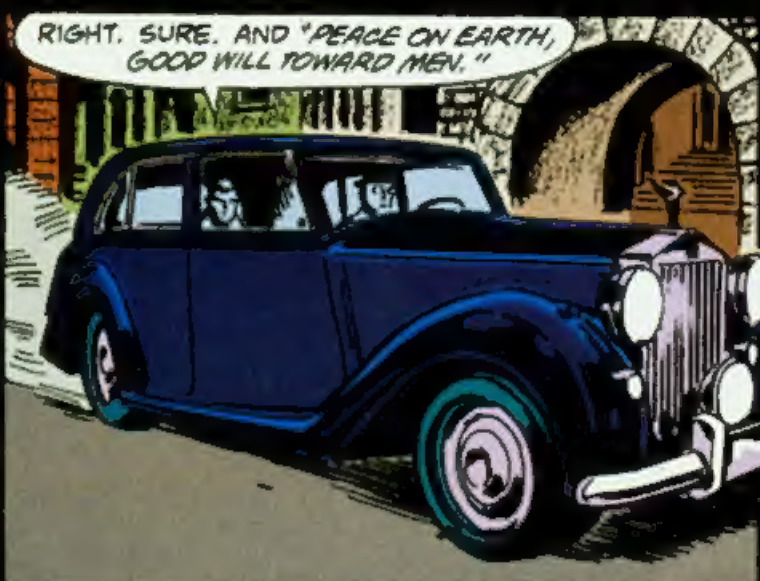
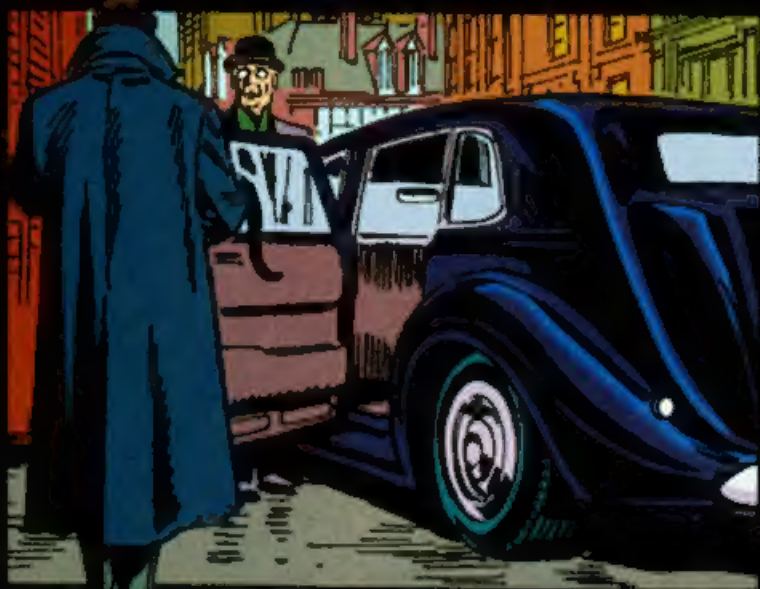
















TM

**DC COMICS INC.**

PRESIDENT & EDITOR-IN-CHIEF **JENETTE KAHN** VP-EDITORIAL DIRECTION **DICK GIORDANO** EDITOR **JONATHAN PETERSON** ASSISTANT EDITOR **SCOTT PETERSON**  
DIRECTOR-DESIGN SERVICES **JIM CHADWICK** AGC DIRECTOR **ROBBIN BROSTERMAN** VP-CREATIVE DIRECTION **JOE ORLANDO**  
EXECUTIVE VP & PUBLISHER **PAUL LEVITZ** VP-SALES & MARKETING **BRUCE BRISTOW** VP-CONTROLLER **PATRICK CALDON** DIRECTOR-EDITORIAL ADMINISTRATION **TERRI CUNNINGHAM**  
VP-BUSINESS AFFAIRS **CHANTAL D'AULNIS** VP-LEGAL AFFAIRS **LILLIAN LASERSON** PRODUCTION DIRECTOR **BOB ROZAKIS**





\$5.95 US/\$6.95 CAN  
ISBN: 1-56389-064-X